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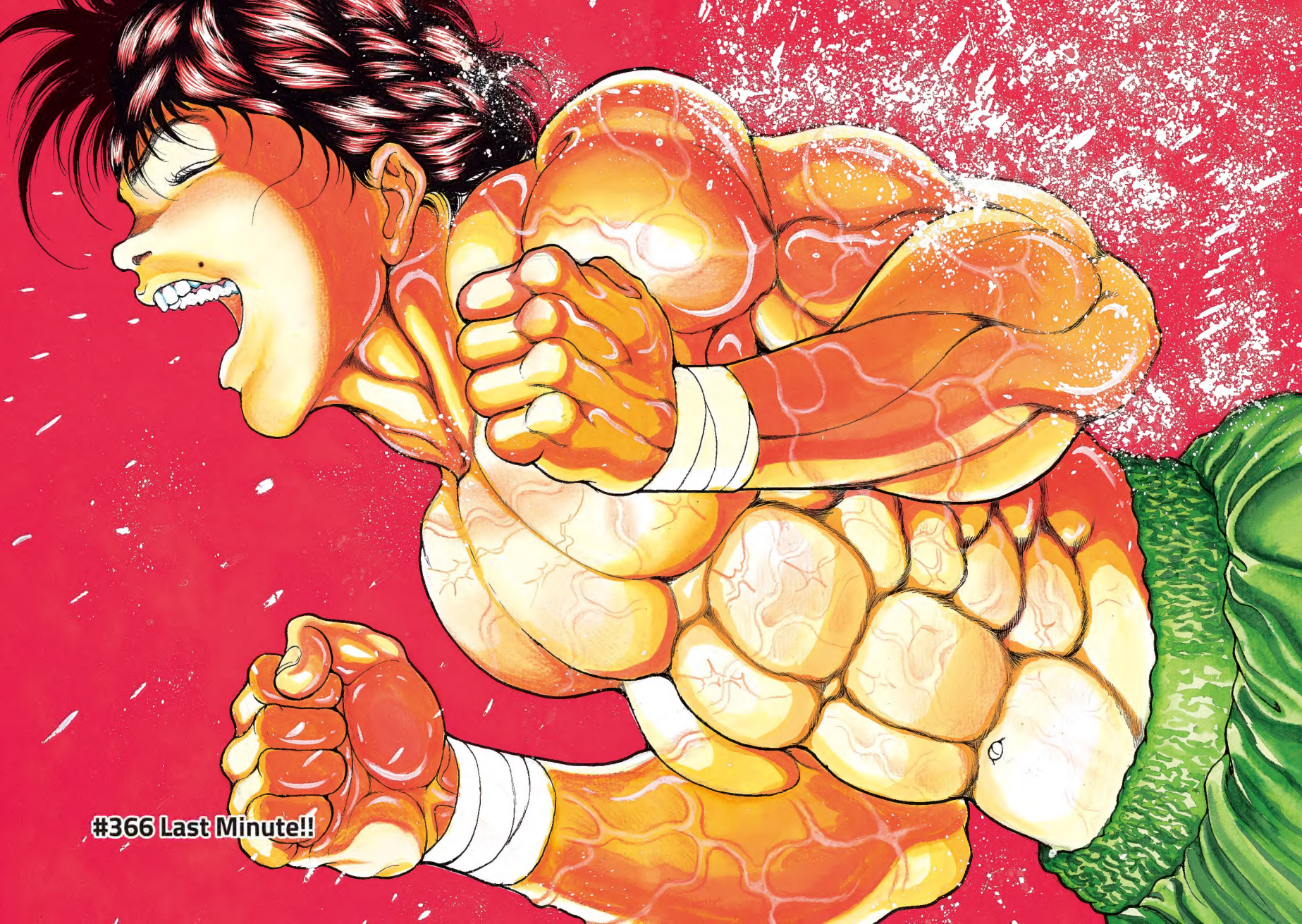
#366 Last Minute!!

THE GRAPPLER
24 BARS

HOWEVER...

...BEYOND THOUSANDS, OR EVEN TENS OF THOUSANDS. BEYOND THOSE INNUMERABLE SACRIFICES...

THE END RESULT OF THE FIGHT BETWEEN STEROIDS AND THE HUMAN BODY.

A BODY THAT'S DEGENERATING...

...AN ANOMALY EXISTS !!!

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AND MAKING UP FOR IT BY CONSTANTLY INCREASING THE INTENSITY OF TRAINING...

THE CONTRADICTION OF TRAINING THIRTY HOURS A DAY!

IN MODERN DAY SPORTS, WHERE THE HARMFUL EFFECTS OF OVERWORK HAVE BECOME COMMON KNOWLEDGE...

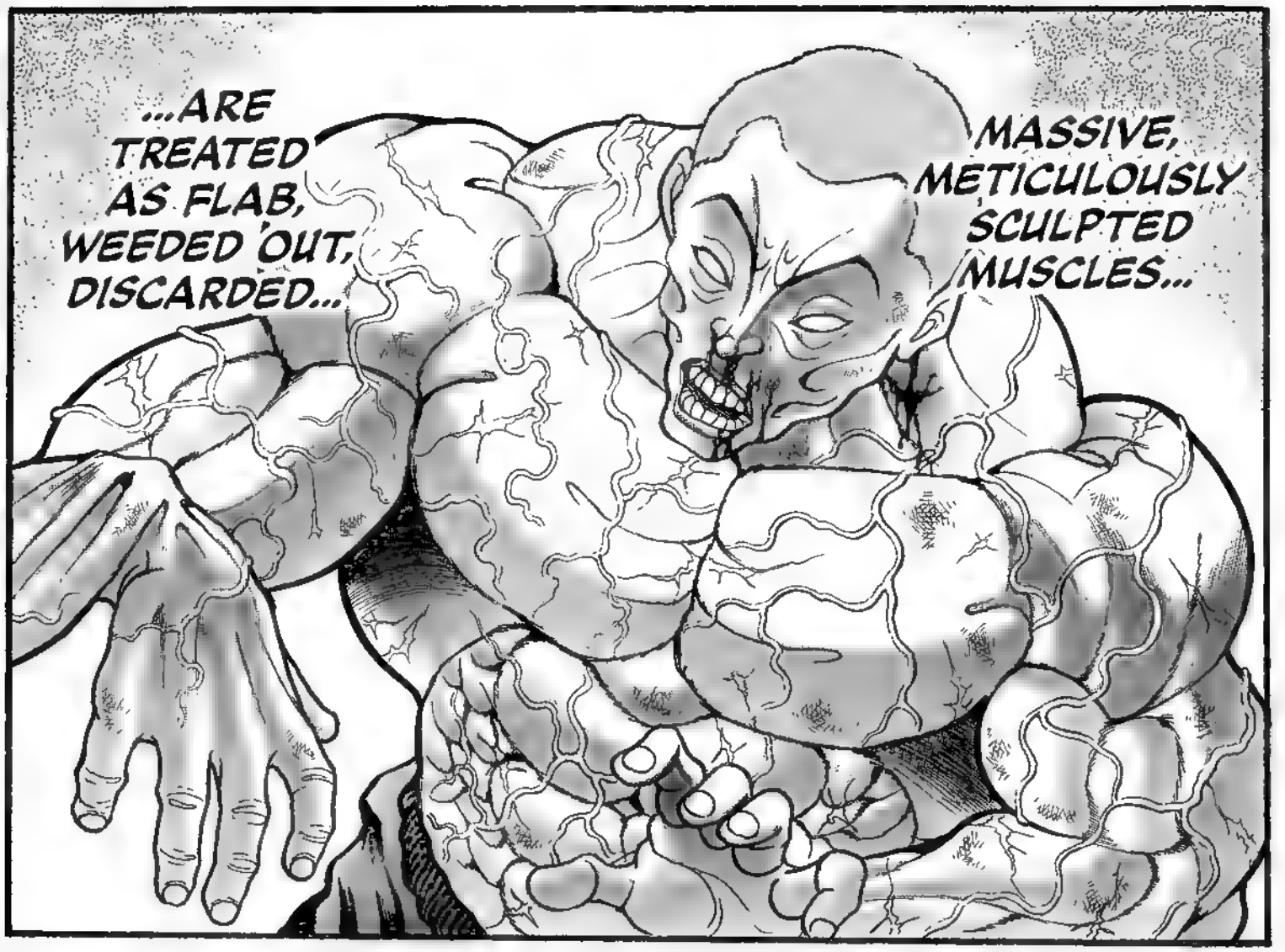
...THIS CREED IS NOTHING SHORT OF LUNACY.

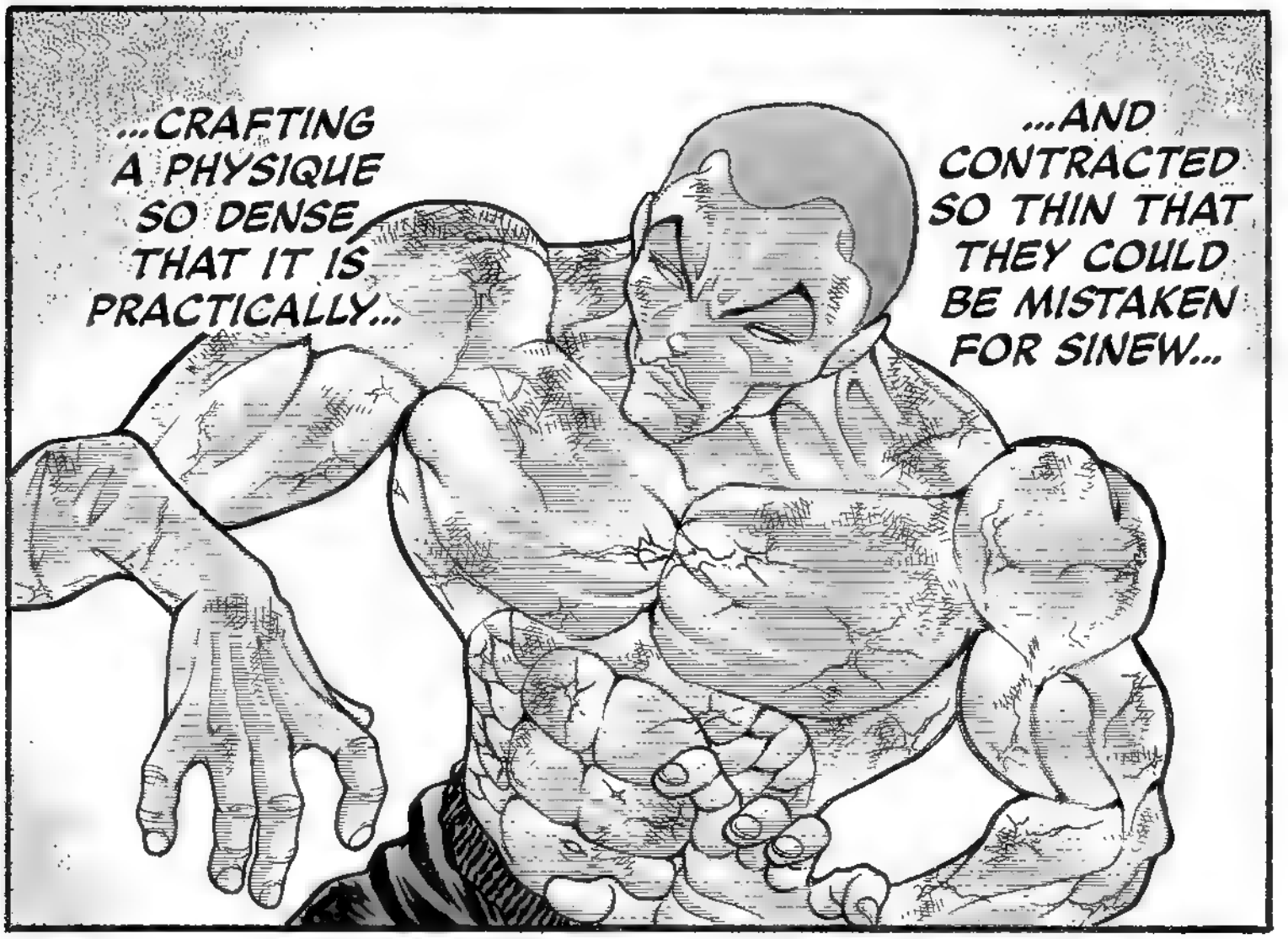
...THAT BIRTHS LUNACY...

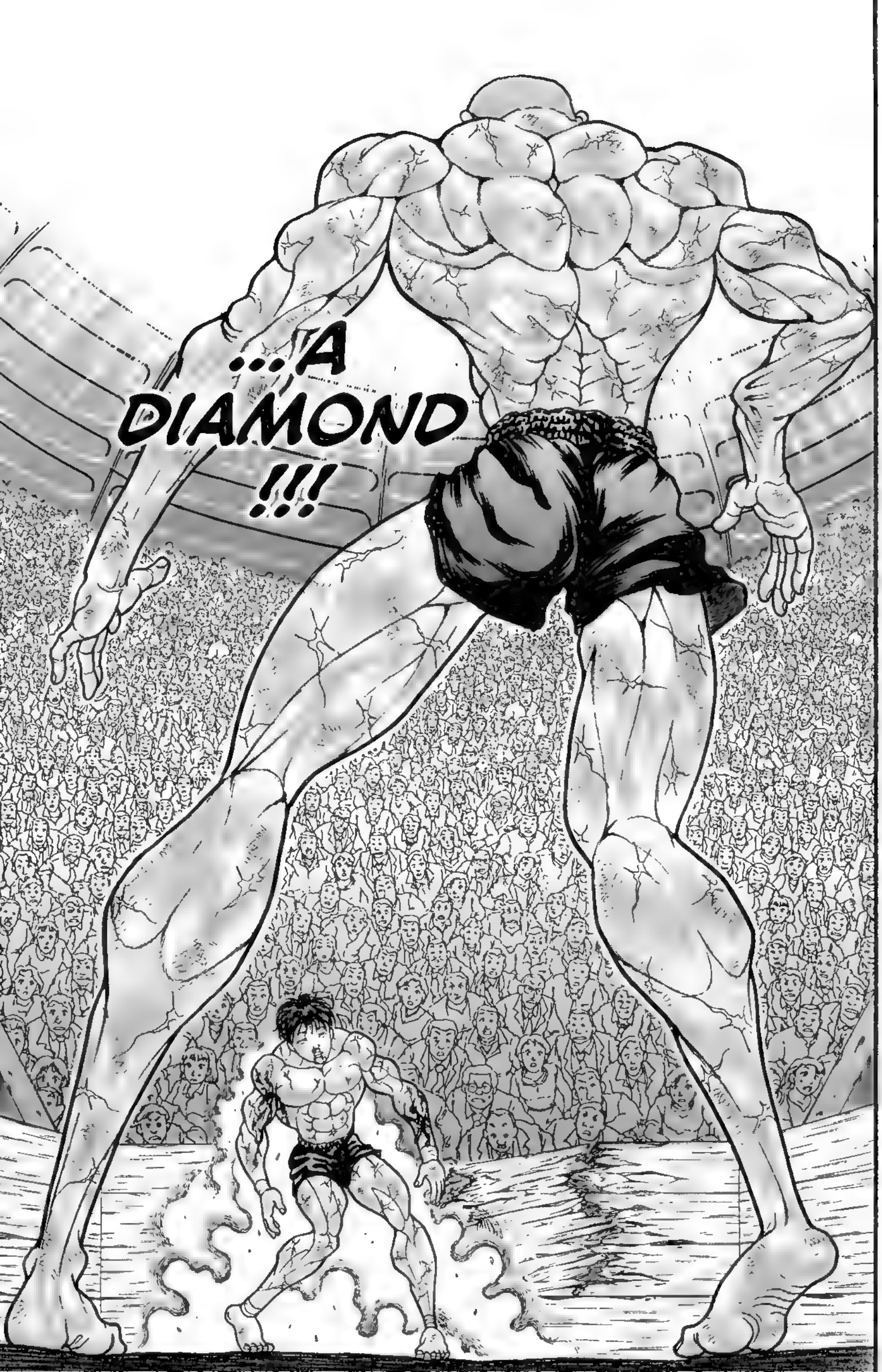
A CREED...

...AND ONLY LUNACY...

...CAN CREATE A MIRACLE !!!


...ARE TREATED AS FLAB, WEEDED OUT, DISCARDED...
MASSIVE, METICULOUSLY SCULPTED MUSCLES...


...CRAFTING A PHYSIQUE SO DENSE THAT IT IS PRACTICALLY...
...AND CONTRACTED SO THIN THAT THEY COULD BE MISTAKEN FOR SINEW...


...A
DIAMOND
!!!

THE LAST MINUTE!!!
BWSH
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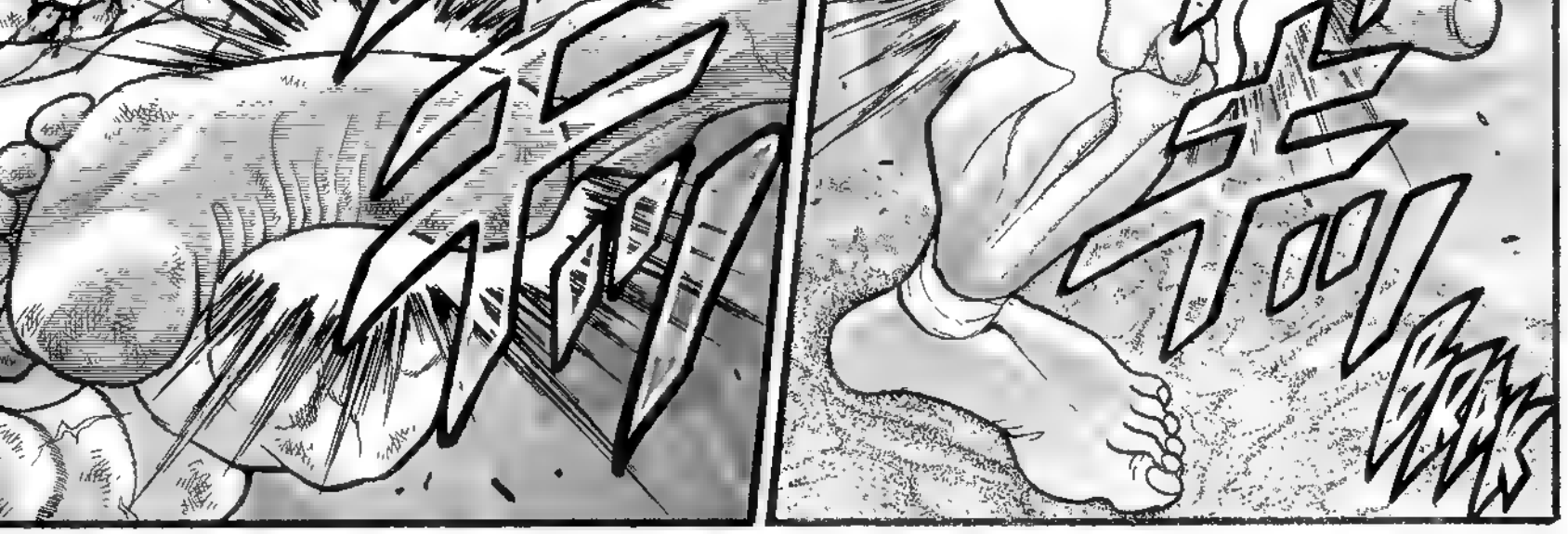
BAM
BAM
BAM
BAM
BAM
WHP
BAM

H-HE'S SO FAST!
I COULDN'T SEE HIM CLOSE IN!!!

SHINK



SHINK

BMF
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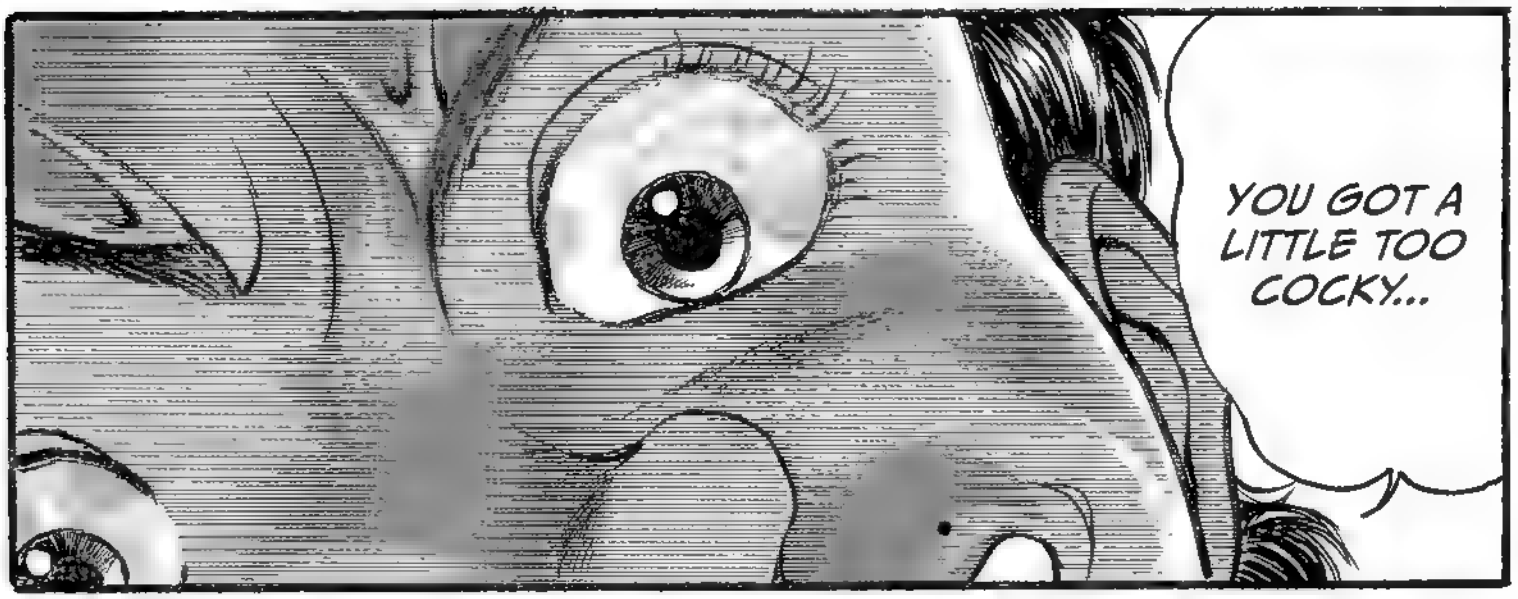
BAM
BAM

MEDICAL
ROOM

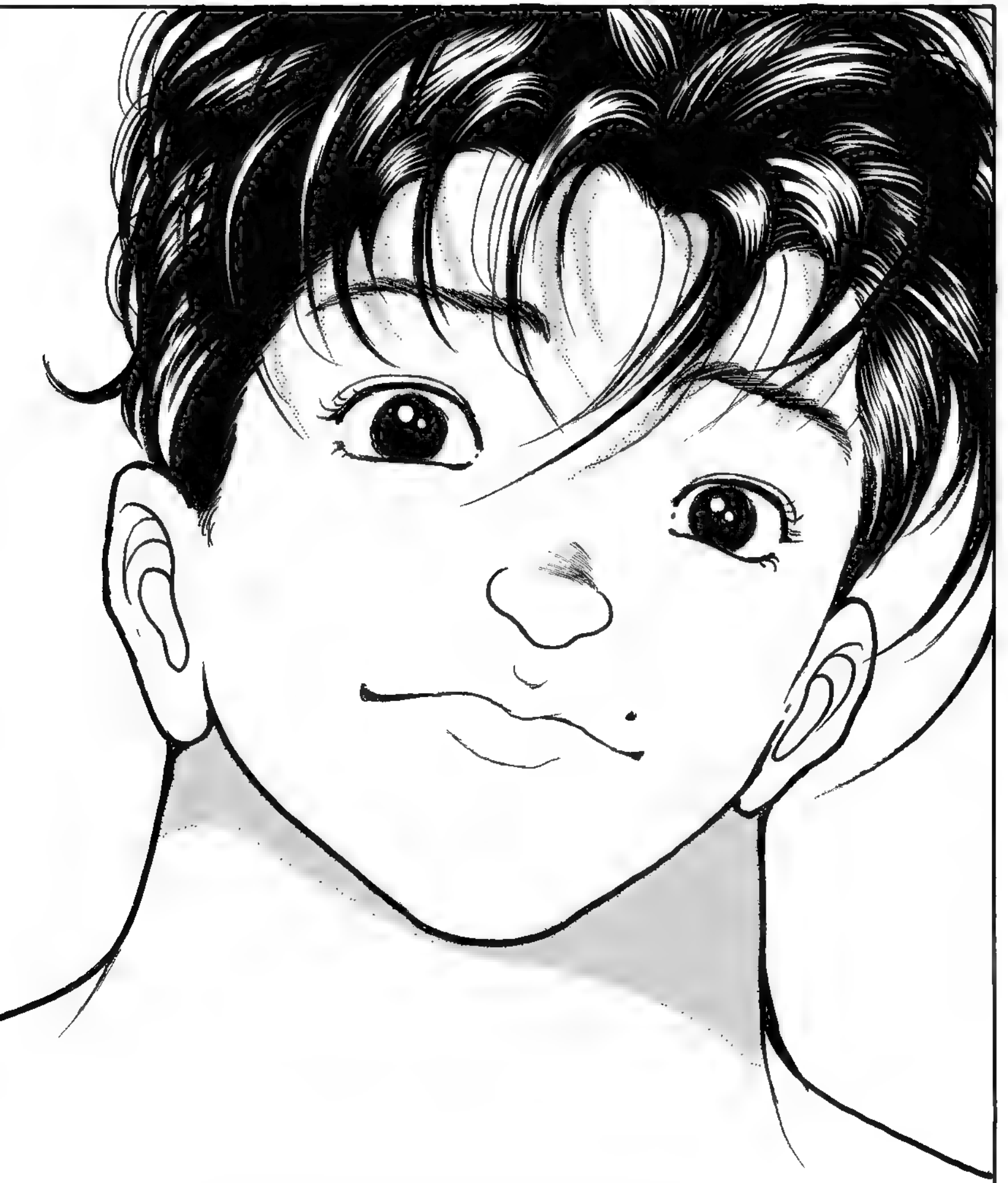

YOU GOT A LITTLE TOO COCKY...

GAAH!
AAH!

HUFF
HUFF
HUFF
HUFF
...SHOULD NOT BE TAKEN LIGHTLY!!!
THE BLOOD THAT FLOWS THROUGH THE HANMAS...
THE GREAT EVIL

DMF
DMF
DMF
DMF
DMF
STOP.
HUH ...?!
THIS ...
...IS ENOUGH...
!

WHAT THE HELL IS THIS ?!



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WHA
...?!

WHAT THE HELL IS THIS ?!

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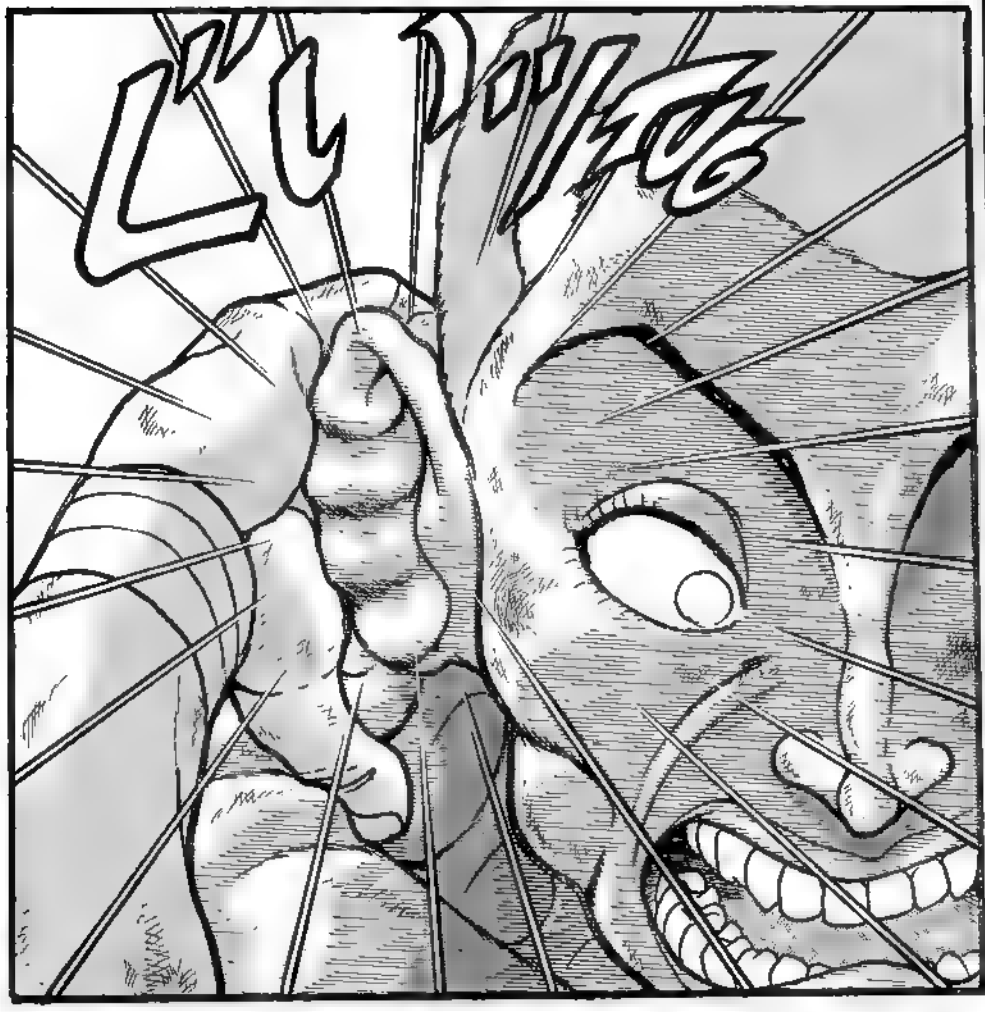
HE STOP—

...


KLIK

KRIK

BAM

SHMP

HE'S STILL GONNA FIGHT BACK ?!

WHF

BIG BROTHER ...
W-WHAT-IN THE HELL... WAS THAT...?

...IS MY LAST MOVE...

THIS...

WHAT IN THE HELL DID I JUST SEE?!

...GOING TO FAINT...

AFTER THIS MOVE, I AM...

IF YOU'RE STILL STANDING BY THAT TIME...

SHF

KICK

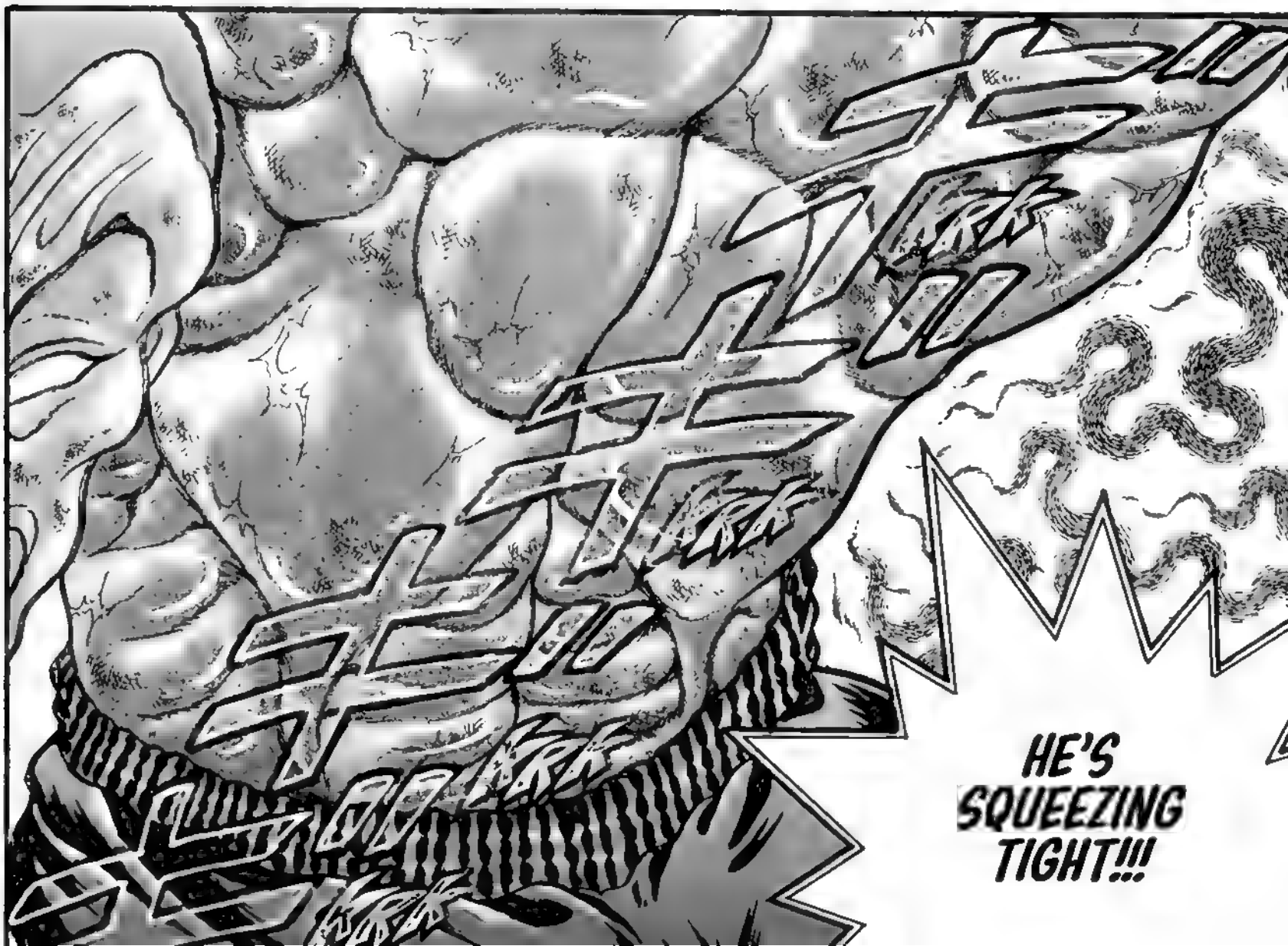
SHF

A FRONT HEADLOCK !!!

...YOU WIN!!!

...THEN...

HE'S SQUEEZING !!!
FOR THE SAKE OF TOMORROW... HE'S THROWING IT ALL AWAY?!


HE'S SQUEEZING TIGHT!!!

JACK HAS DROPPED HIS HIPS TO A DEFENSIVE STANCE!

OOOH!

THIRTY SECONDS LEFT...!?

JACK IS HANGING ON!

IF I CAN LAST TWENTY MORE SECONDS, I WIN !!!

BAKI IS WRENCHING IN!

HE'S...

HE'S IN THE AIR!!!

HE'S IN THE AIR!!!

THESE TWO MEN WITH THE BLOOD OF THE GREAT EVIL, HANMA!

TEN SECONDS...?

TSH

TSH

TWO MEN CARRYING THE BLOOD OF THEIR GREAT AND TERRIFYING FATHER!

THE OLDER BROTHER?!

WHO IS DESTINED TO WEAR THE PANKRATION BELT AROUND THEIR WAIST ?!

OR THE YOUNGER ?!

BAKI... YOU...

TH...

THERE IT IS!

WHAT IS THAT?

...

IT'S...

IT'S THE DEMON FACE!!!

KRISH!

THE MATCH IS OVER!!!

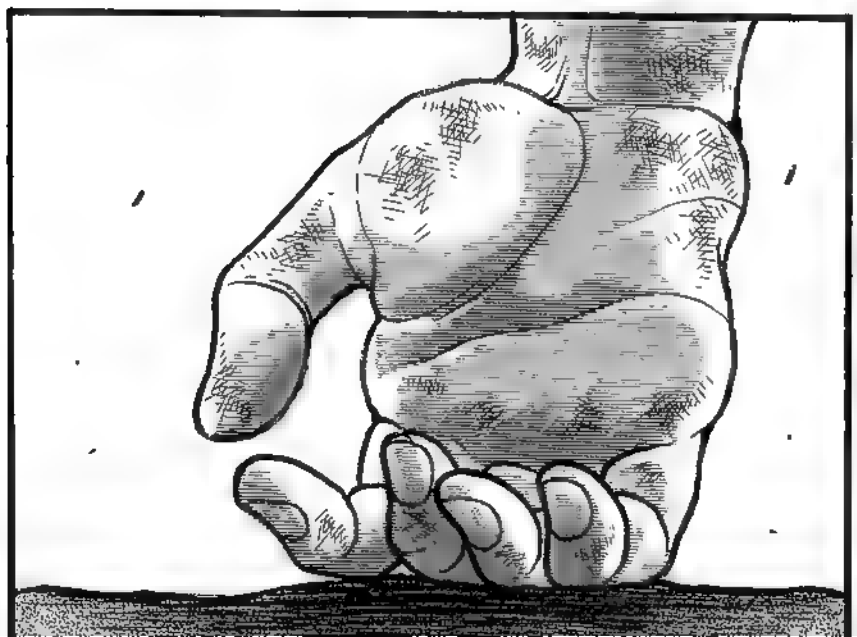
#368 A Champion Is Born!!

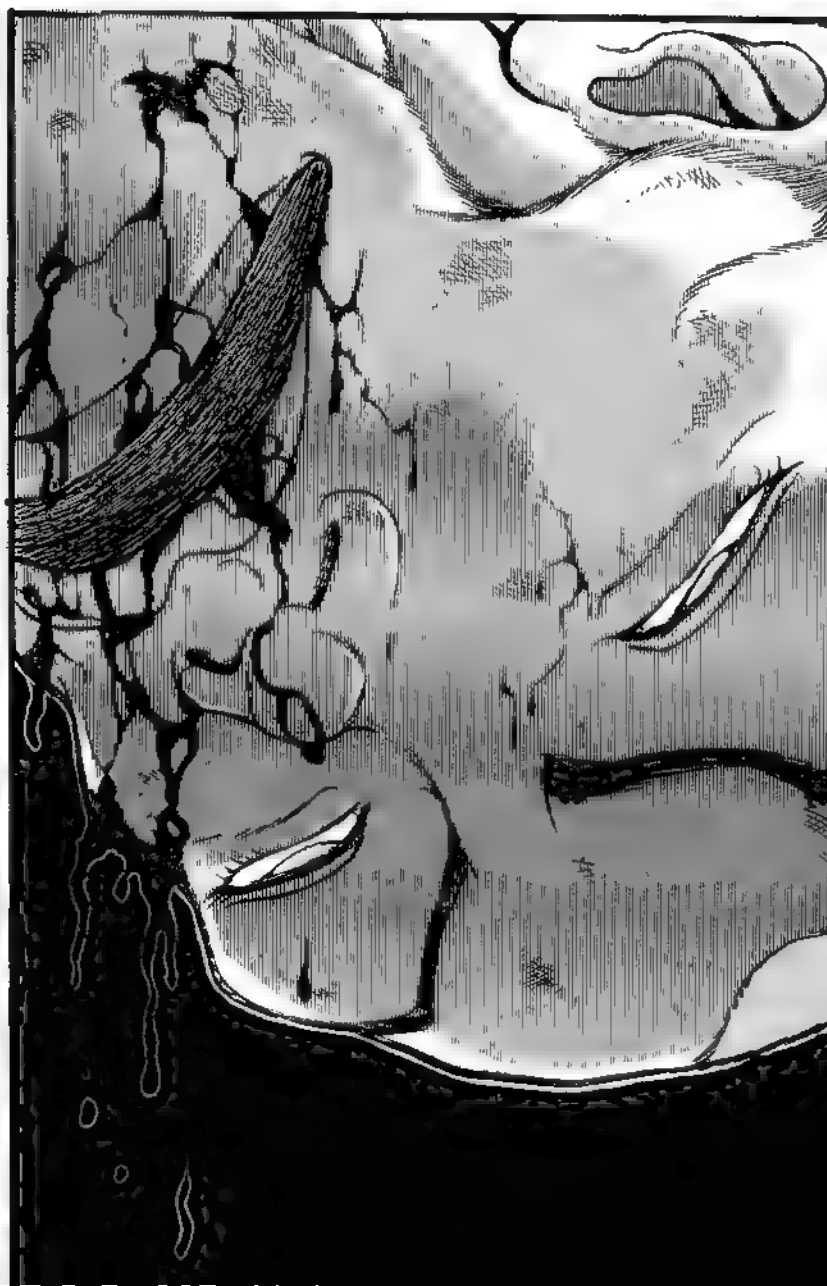
A FRONT HEADLOCK !!!

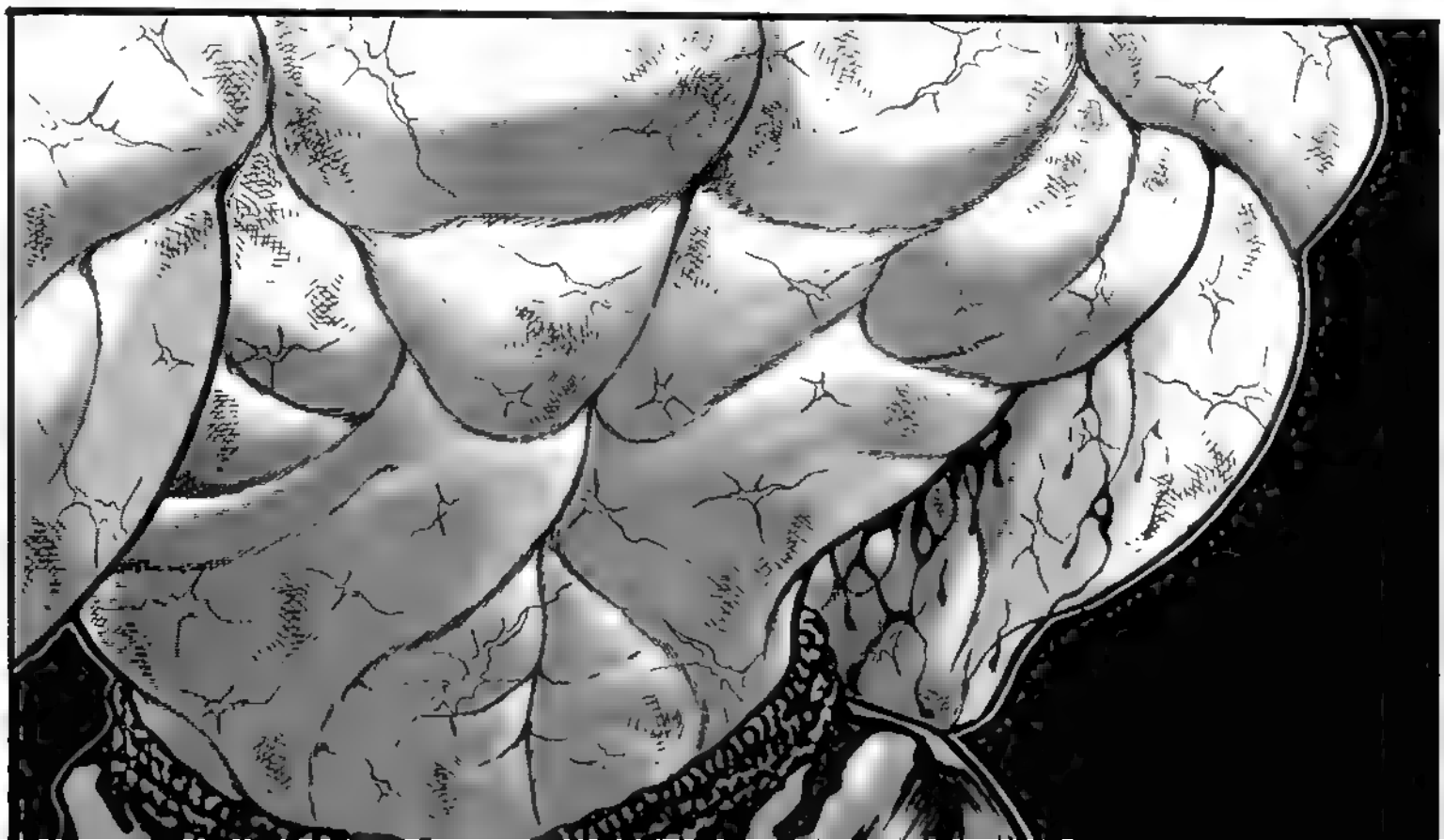
IT'S SIMPLE YET ALSO DEEP!!!

A KILLER MOVE, ALSO KNOWN AS THE GUILLOTINE CHOKE!!!

THE MATCH IS OVER!!!







IT'S...

...AAAA

AAAA

AAAA

AAAA

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...AAA-
AAA-
AALL
OVER
!!!

AT THE TENDER AGE OF SEVENTEEN !!!

BAKI HANMA !!!

THIS BOY IS YOUR TOKYO DOME UNDERGROUND FIGHTING ARENA MAXIMUM TOURNAMENT...

...CHAMPIOOOON !!!

THIRTY EIGHT COMPETITORS !!!

THIRTY MATCHES!

MORE THAN TEN HOURS OF DEATH MATCHES !!!

AND AS FOR THE NUMBER INJURED, IT'S SAFE TO SAY THAT EVERY COMPETITOR HERE FALLS INTO THAT CATEGORY!

UP HE GOES!!!

AT JUST 167 CENTIMETERS TALL, THE TINY TITAN GOES INTO THE AIR!

AND AGAIN!

ONE MORE TIME!

...OF ANCIENT ROME'S EQUIVALENT TO VALE TUDO, PANKRATION.

THE GOLD BELT ONCE WORN BY THE CHAMPION...

AFTER 3,000 YEARS, THAT BELT HAS RESURFACED IN THE MODERN ERA...

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...AND IS NOW BEING CARRIED TO OUR CHAMPION...

...TO BE FORMALLY BESTOWED UPON HIM!

H-HE CAN'T LIFT IT!!!

!!!

THE CHAMP IS TOO EXHAUSTED TO CARRY IT!

ARE YOU OKAY, CHAMPION ?

THE BELT BESTOWED UPON HIM BY THE ELDERLY MR. MITSUNARI TOKUGAWA...

!!!

YOU ARE...

IT'S JACK!!!

HIS OLDER BROTHER IS HERE !!!

THE BELT...

...IS LIFTED HIGH BY BOTH OF THEIR HANDS !!!

YOU ARE THE CHAMPION !!!

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#369 Thank You, Everyone!!

NEVER AGAIN!

NEVER AGAIN WILL WE EVER SEE A TOURNAMENT LIKE THIS!!!

WE JUST WITNESSED THIRTY MATCHES...

...AND THERE WASN'T A SINGLE MEDIOCRE SHOWING AMONG THEM!

EVERY MATCH WAS A BOUT FOR THE AGES!!!

EVERY FIGHT WAS A TITANIC CLASH!!!

...!!!

SHIV

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AND EVERY FIGHTER ...

...WAS ABSOLUTELY AMAZING!!!

...MIGHT BE CONSIDERED "POINTLESS" TO SOME.

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IN MODERN SOCIETY, BEING "STRONG"...

HOWEVER, WHEN WE SEE THE FACE OF THE FIGHTERS WHO ENTER THE RING WITH RESOLVE...

WHEN WE SEE THE FACE OF FIGHTERS WHO ACCEPT DEFEAT WHEN THEIR STRENGTH JUST WASN'T ENOUGH...

WHEN WE SEE THE FACE OF FIGHTERS WHO EMERGE WOUNDED, YET VICTORIOUS ...

SHI

WHEN WE SEE THEIR FACES, IT NEVER FAILS TO INSPIRE OUR HEARTS!!!

THE SIGHT OF SOMEONE STRIVING TO BE STRONG...

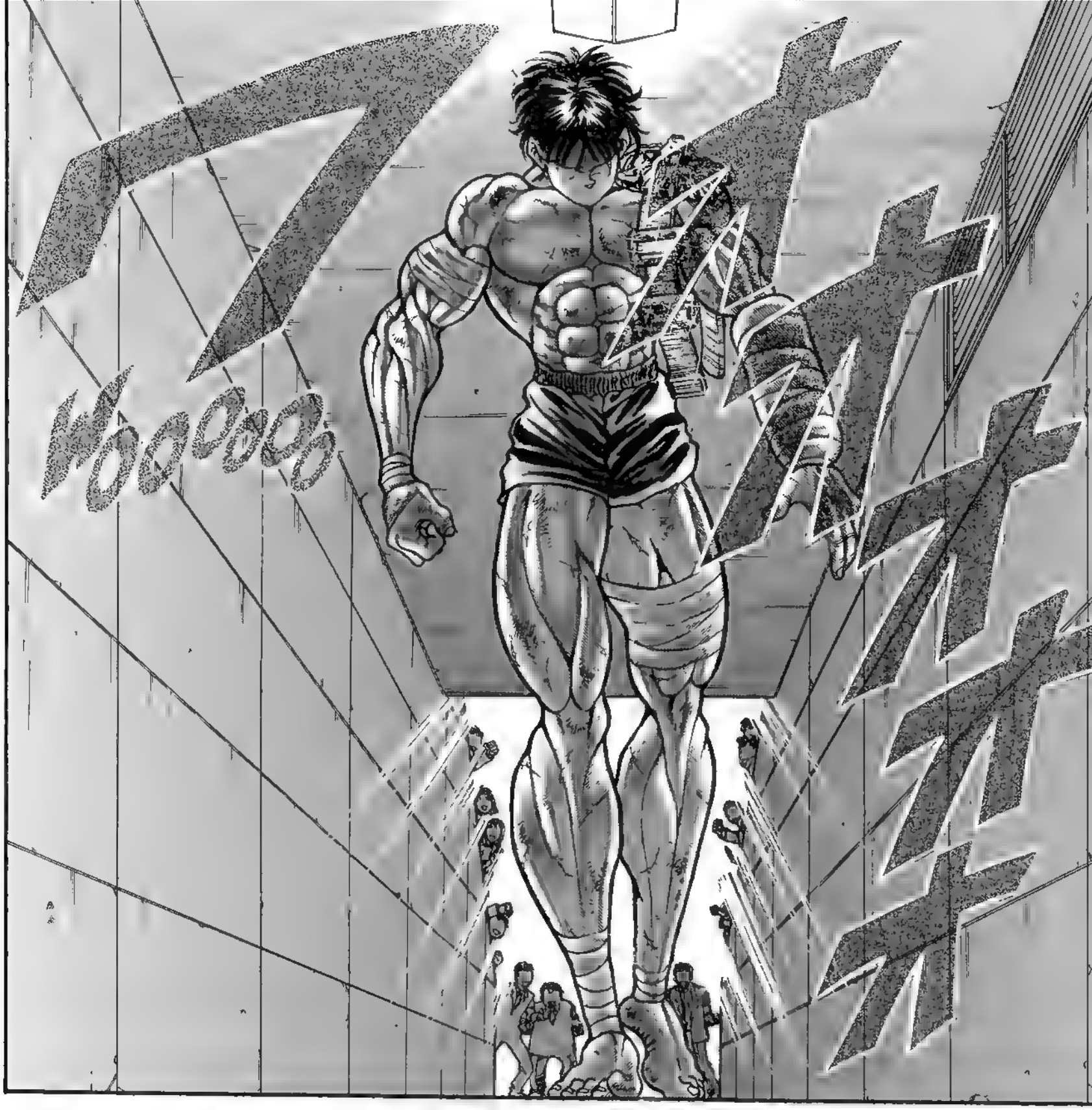
...IS OH SO BEAUTIFUL !!!

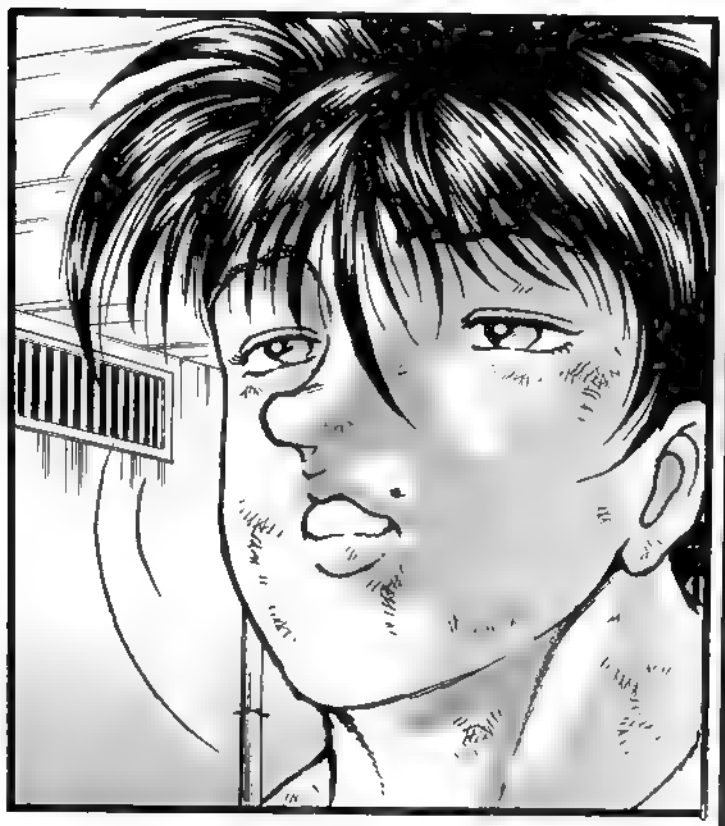
TO BE "STRONG" IS BEAUTIFUL !!!

TO BE "STRONG" IS WONDERFUL !!!

THANK YOU, BAKI HANMA!!!

THE BEAUTY OF STRENGTH !!!


Woong



YOU SHOULD LOOK HAPPIER.

HULKAMANIA

WE'VE BEEN WAITIN' FOR YA.

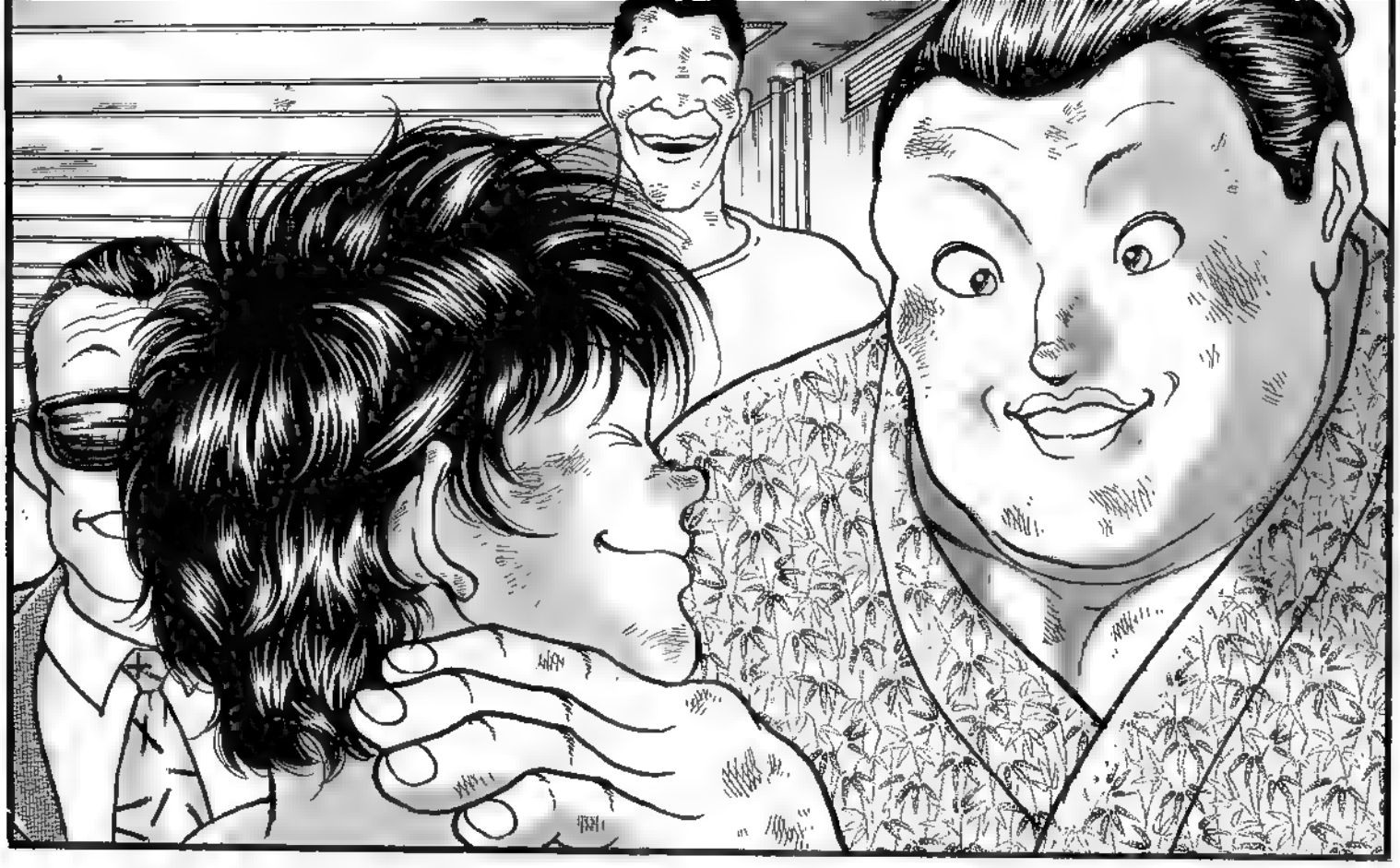
REGAN ...

WAITING ...?

YOU'RE LATE, CHAMP!!!

HULKAMANIA

HOGLAND



MR.
RETSU.

MR. HANAYAMA.
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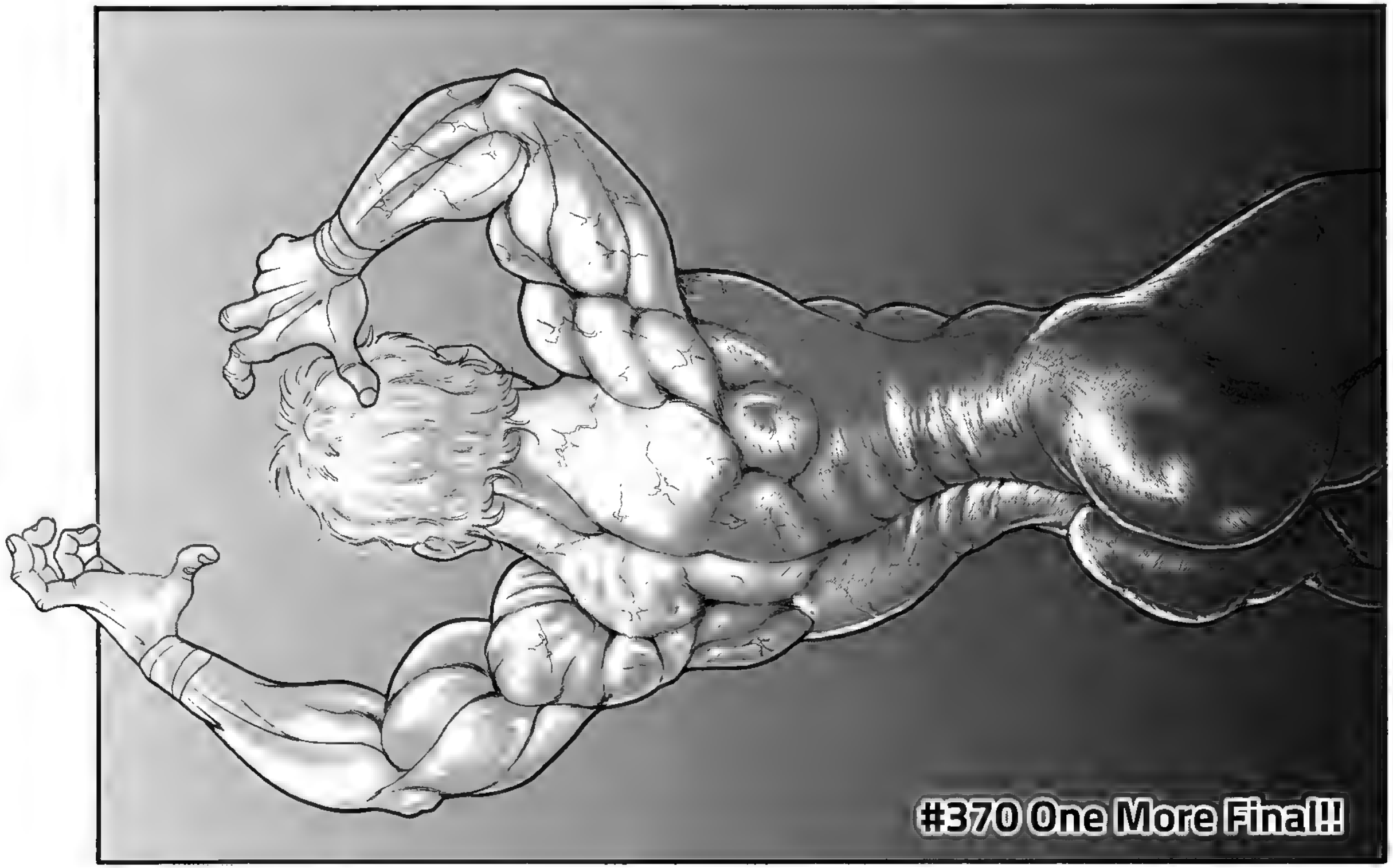
...

...EVERY-
ONE.
THANK
YOU...

I WILL...

...BECOME EVEN STRONGER.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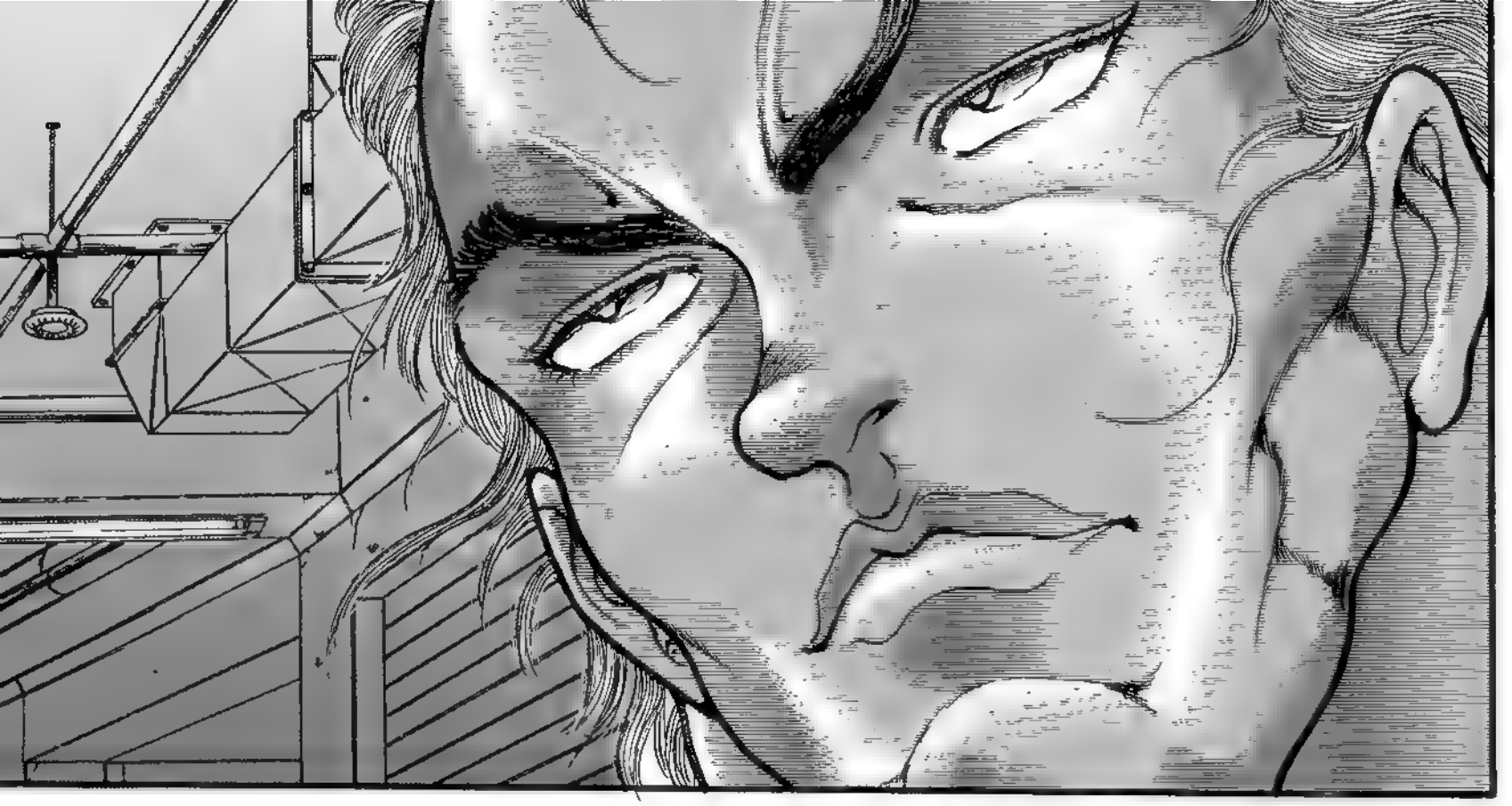
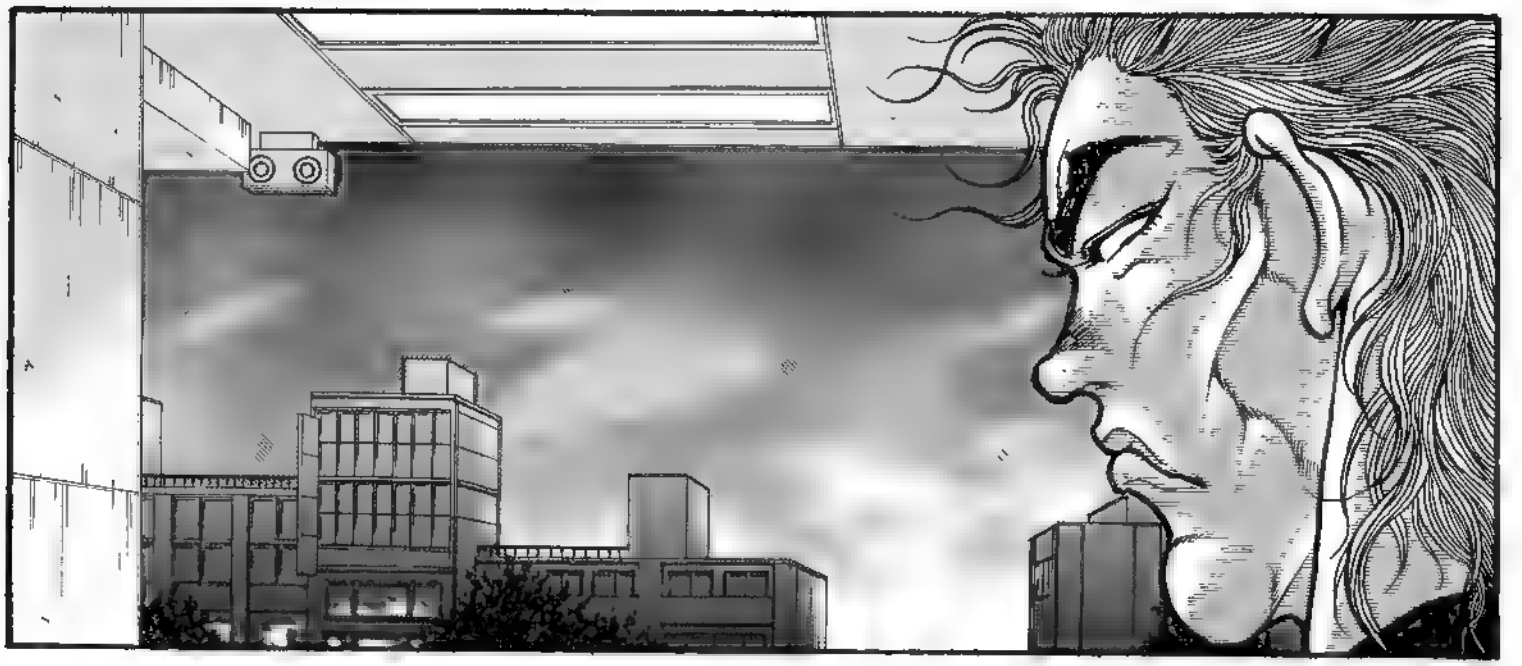
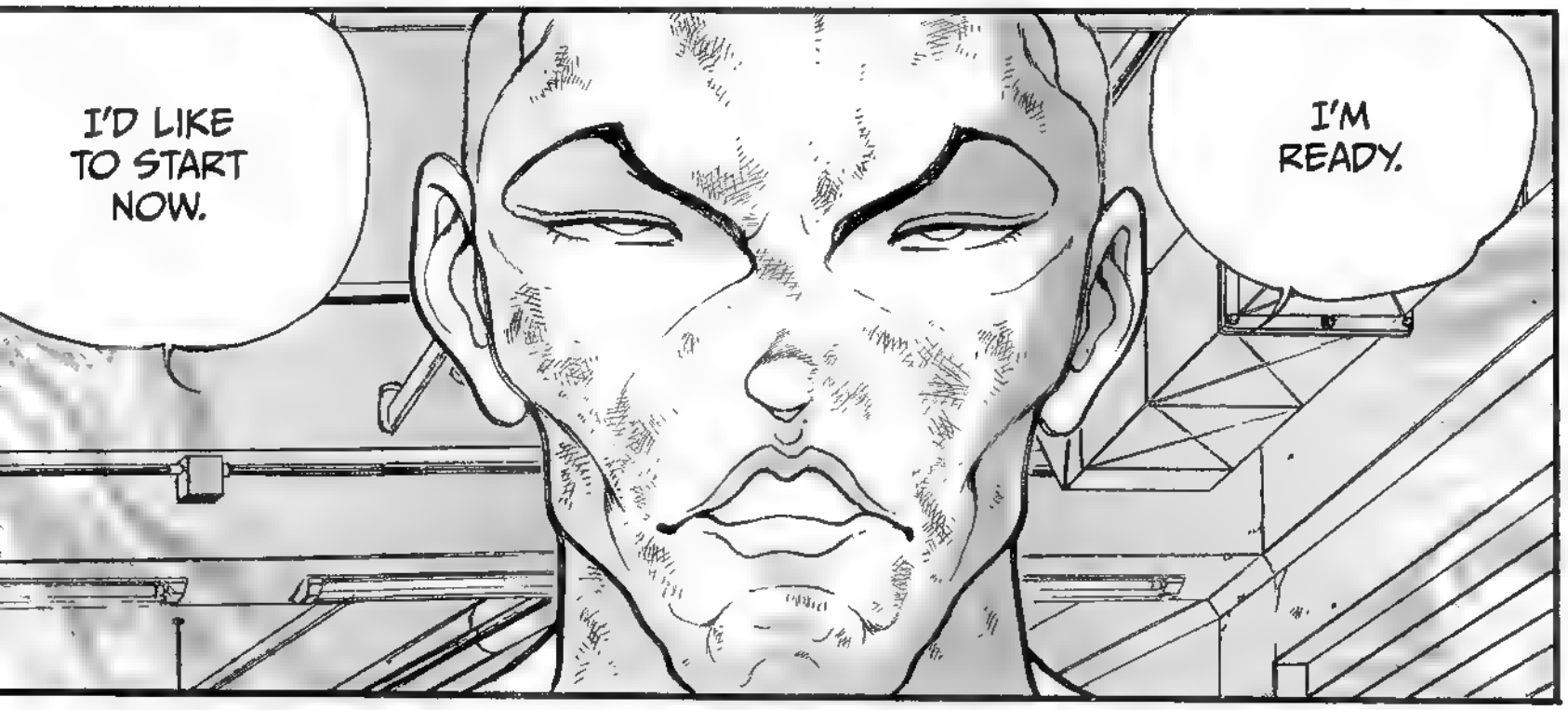
TOKYO DOME PARKING LOT

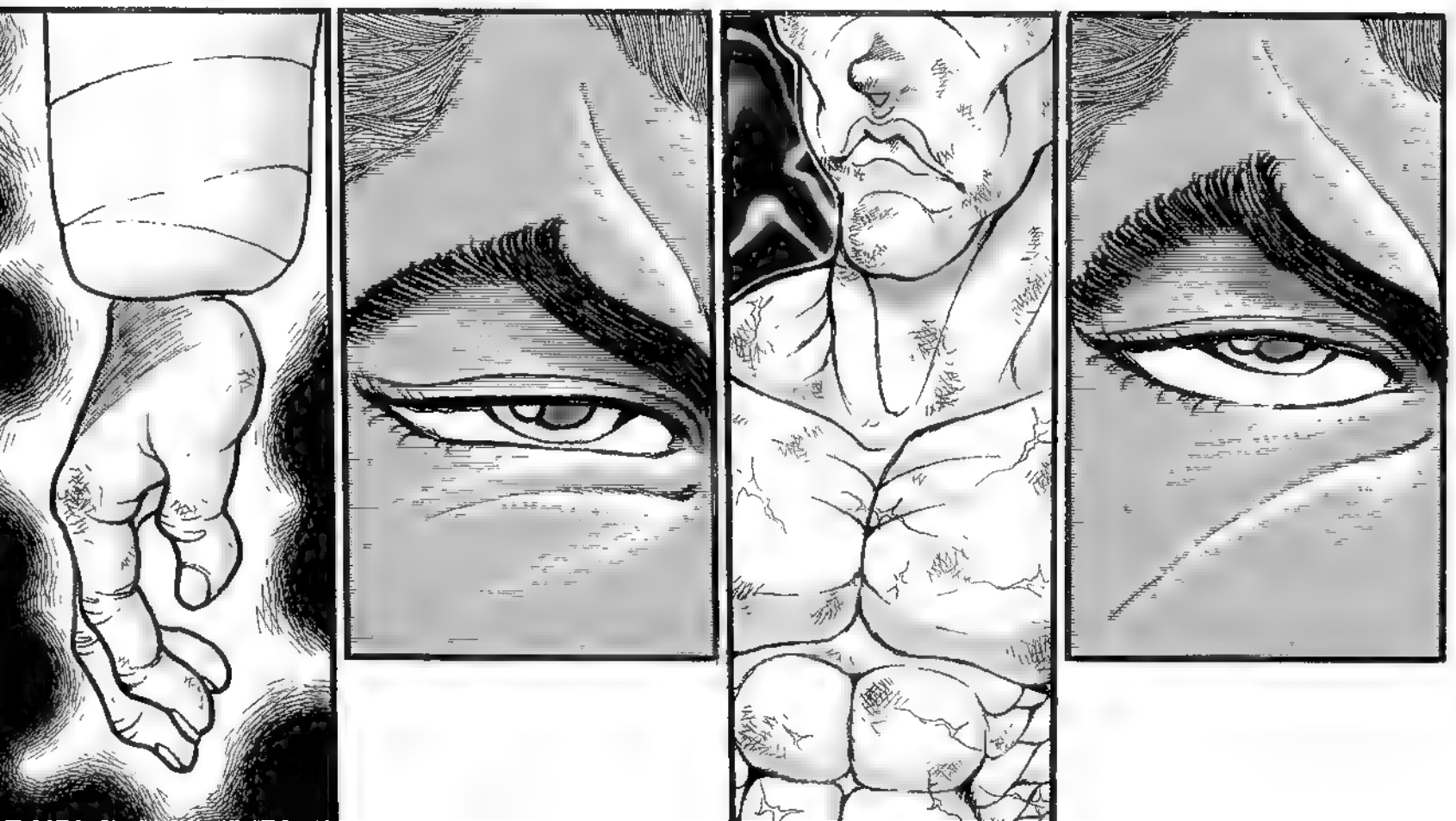




SHOOO

SORRY FOR
THE WAIT...

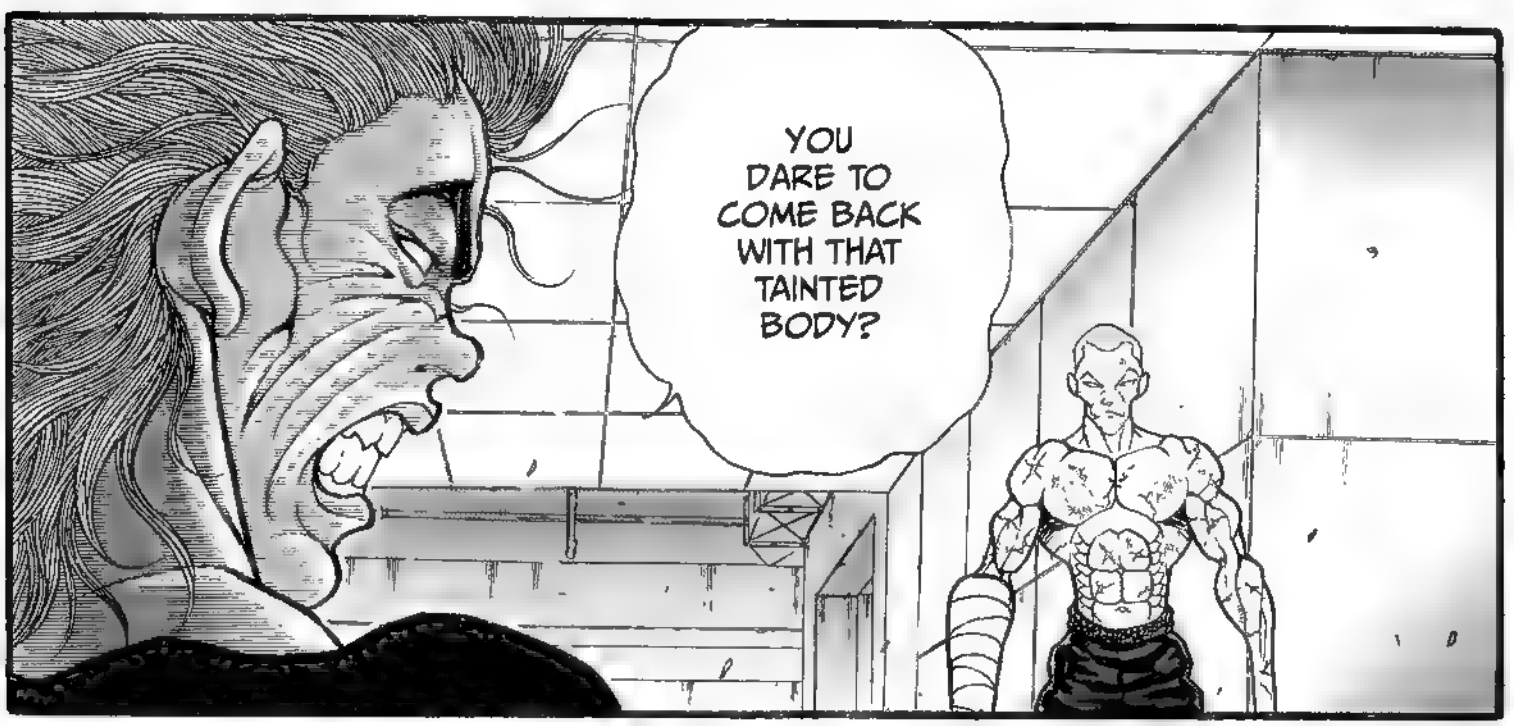

I'D LIKE TO START NOW.
I'M READY.



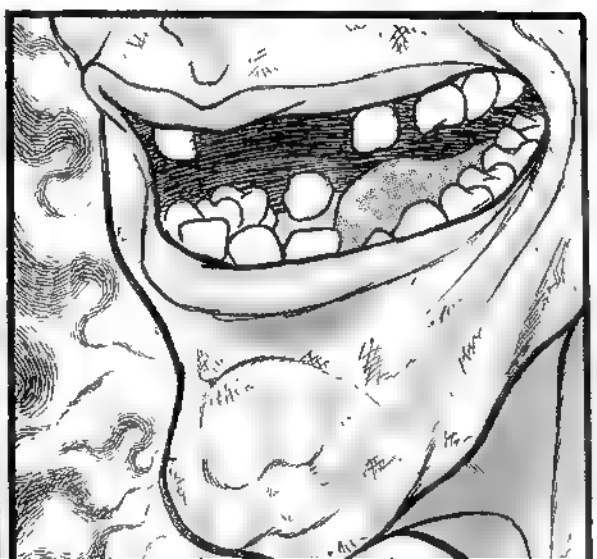
YOU BASTARD!!!

YOU LOST...

CRASH


YOU DARE TO COME BACK WITH THAT TAINTED BODY?

LEAVE MY SIGHT!



THUMP

BWSHHHHHH

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SHHHHH
BFOO!
MNCH
モグ……
BLWCH

BITING IS NOTHING MORE THAN ONE OF THE FUNDAMENTALS OF CLOSE QUARTERS COMBAT.

...

AND BEFORE YOU BITE THROUGH CLOTHES, YOU NEED TO CAREFULLY CONSIDER THE MATERIAL.

IT'S BEST TO AIM SQUARELY FOR THE CAROTID.

IT'S NOT UNCOMMON FOR AN OPPONENT TO SUDDENLY JERK AWAY AND TAKE YOUR FRONT TEETH WITH THEM, ROOTS AND ALL.

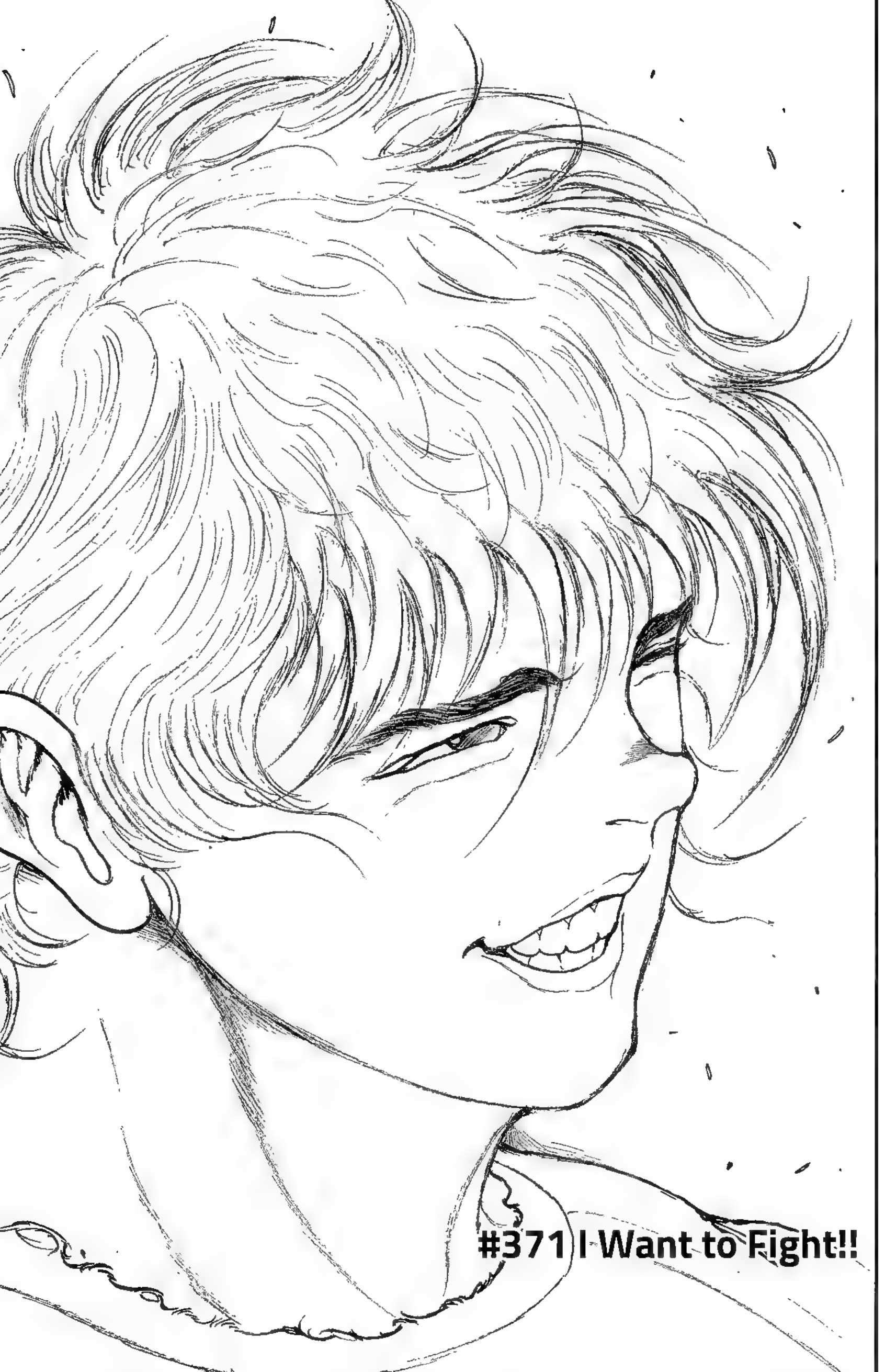
GAAH!

YOU IDIOT.

WHAT KIND OF IDIOT LOSES *TWICE* IN *ONE DAY?*

YOU JUST *HAD* TO DEFY MY *EXPECTATIONS.*

DAMN BAKI.



#371 I Want to Fight!!

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BAKI...

...YUJIRO HANMA IN THAT CONDITION...

HE TOOK ON...

HUH...?

THERE'S THAT, BUT ALSO...

THE AMBULANCE COMES AND...

HER.

RIGHT HERE.

I'LL ZOOM IN...

!

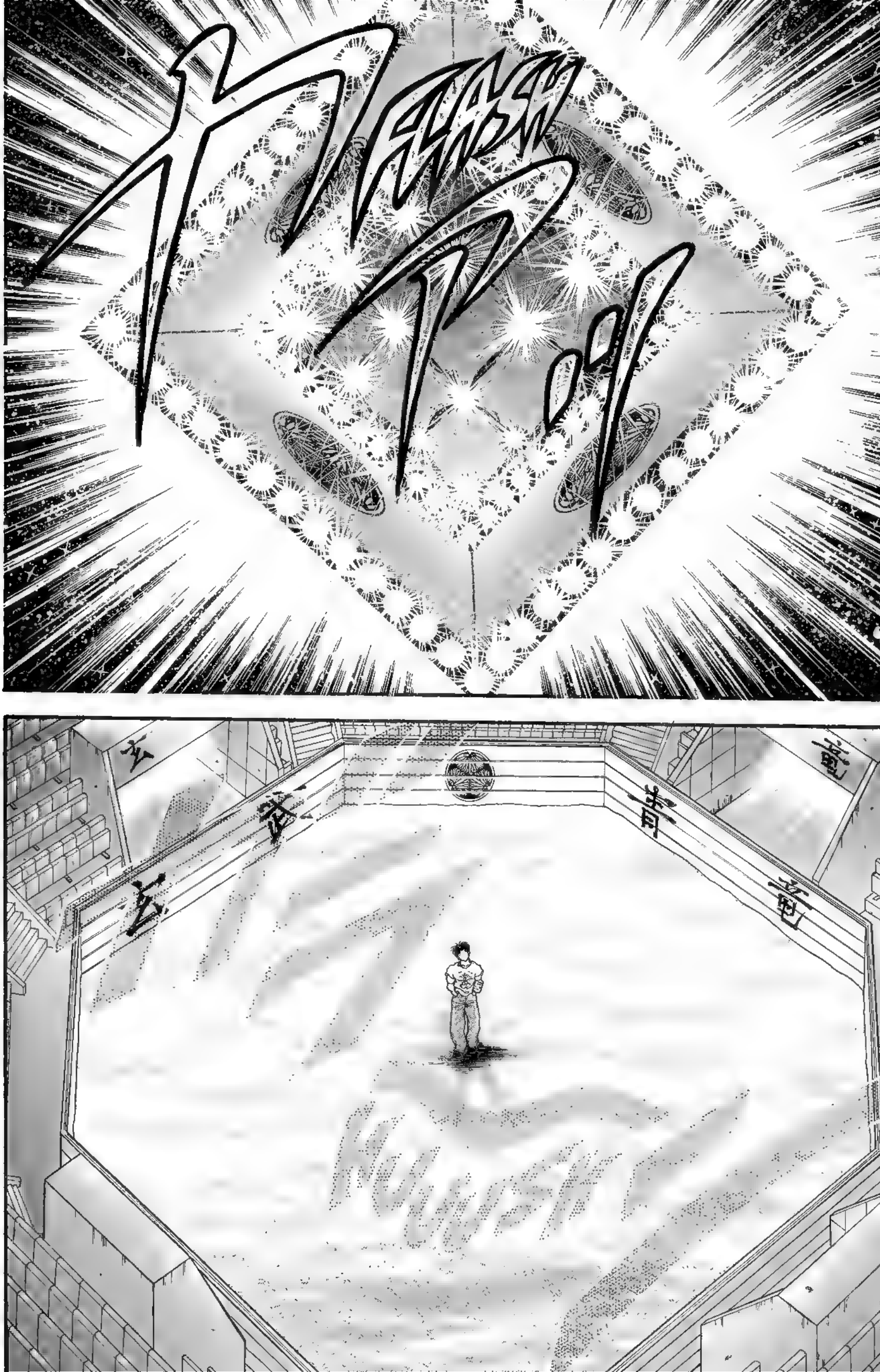
...WHITE LADY?
IT'S A..

J...

JANE ?!

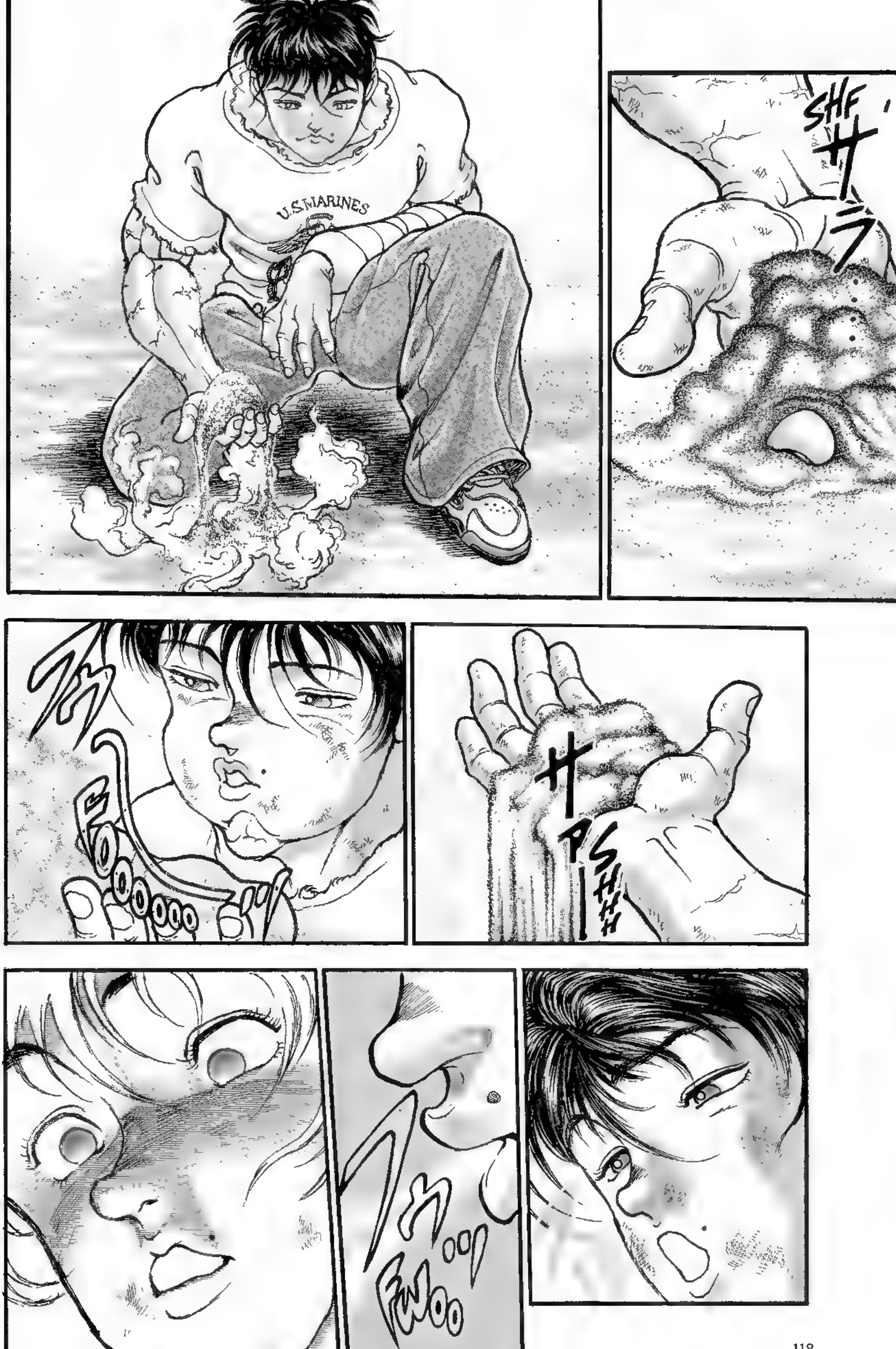
TOUCH

I CAN'T SAY FOR CERTAIN, BUT...


FLASH

U.S MARINES

SKF


SHF
SHHH
FWOO

THE BROKEN TEETH AND NAILS OF THE FIGHTERS...

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NO MATTER WHERE I SCOOP THE SOIL FROM IN THIS ARENA...

...I'M SURE...

CHNGL...

I'M FED UP WITH-THIS ...!!!

I CAN'T TAKE THIS ANYMORE ...!!!

SHIV

SHIV

SHIV

I'VE HAD THOSE THOUGHTS SO MANY TIMES, AND YET...

...I STILL WANT TO FIGHT.

STILL, COLOR ME SURPRISED.

A CROWD OF ZERO.

NAH... DON'T WORRY ABOUT IT.

SORRY TO ASK WHEN YOU HAVEN'T HEALED UP YET...

TOKYO DOME

CAN'T BELIEVE THAT YOU *REALLY* THINK YOU CAN BEAT ME.

I'VE BEEN TRAINING EVERY DAY SINCE I RETIRED TO PREPARE FOR THIS MOMENT.

HA HA HA. NO WAY AM I GONNA LET *YOU* SHINE.

BAKI THE GRAPPLER GAIDEN

GAIDEN #1 It's Gonna Start!!

SHEESH...

HAAA...

...WAXING THE FLOORS IN THE MIDDLE OF THE DAY.

IMAGINE, A LIVELY YOUNG MAN LIKE ME...

WHAT A TWIST OF FATE...

OH.

HEY, DON'T WALK THERE YET—

HEY, SORRY 'BOUT THAT, SON.

OH... NO, IT'S FINE...

...

WE'RE IN FOR A GOOD MATCH.

NOT A SINGLE SPECTATOR, HUH?

BIG EGG
KORAKUEN

KA-TOUNK

...HE APTLY RECOGNIZED THE GRAVITY OF THE SITUATION HE WAS PLACED IN RIGHT NOW.

DESPITE HIM BEING NINETEEN YEARS OLD AND NOT FROM AN ERA DIRECTLY AFFECTED BY THESE TWO MEN...

ANTONIO IGARI AND MOUNT TOBA ARE IN THEIR TRUNKS IN AN EMPTY TOKYO DOME.

...COINCIDENTALLY BEING THE FIRST TO DISCOVER A CRACK IN A MASSIVE DAM...!!!

IT WAS AKIN TO THE MINDSET OF A SLACKER WHO NEVER GAVE A THOUGHT ABOUT OTHERS...

HOLY SHIT...

YOU ALWAYS WERE A PAIN IN THE ASS.

I RESENTED IT ALL... I HATED IT ALL...

YOUR STAR POWER.

YOUR GIANT BODY.

IF ONLY MOUNT TOBA WASN'T AROUND!!!

I ALWAYS USED TO THINK THAT...

BUT NOW, I'M THANKFUL ...

GRIN

THAT'S PRETTY FUNNY...

BOTH OF US ...

...WERE THINKING THE SAME THING, THEN.

I USED TO...

...RESENT YOU TOO...

JUST ONCE, I'D LIKE TO NOT CARE ABOUT WHO ELSE IS ON THE CARD...

HA HA HA HA HA HA HA.

...AND HAVE A MATCH THAT JUST *SATISFIES ME.*

IT ISN'T, BUT...

THAT ISN'T A COMPLIMENT.

...IT ALL PAID OFF.

HELLO! WEEKLY BATTLE HERE!

LIKE I SAID! ABOUT THAT MATTER!

HELLO, WEEKLY—

'SCUSE ME?

TAKEYOSHI TOYOMASU, AGE 32

HE WOULD DESCRIBE THE SCENE AT THE TIME AS SUCH.

U-UM... RIGHT NOW... THEY ARE HERE... AT THE TOKYO DOME...

ALTHOUGH HE USUALLY REFUSED TO ENGAGE WITH THEM BECAUSE IT WOULD GET IN THE WAY OF WORK...

THIS KIND OF PRANK WASN'T REALLY UNCOMMON...

MOUNT... TOBA... AND ANTONIO IGARI... THEY ARE...

...REFLECTING ON WHAT HE WAS HEARING, HE REALIZES "THIS TIME IS DIFFERENT."

HURRY, THEY'RE GONNA START WITHOUT YOU!!!

..I FEEL I'LL NEVER... I'LL NEVER BE ABLE...

...BUT IF I STAY SILENT ON THIS...

HEY! YOU!!!

I... I'M NOBODY... NEVER BEEN USEFUL MY WHOLE LIFE...

YOU! WHAT'S YOUR NAME ?!

THANK YOUUUU !!!

...TO FACE SOCIETY OR ANYONE EVER AGAIN...

YOU'D BE A CLASS-A WAR CRIMINAL IF YOU KEPT THIS TO YOURSELF!

YOU DID THE RIGHT THING BY LETTING ME KNOW ABOUT THIS!

...

OSU...

...

NTT DIRECTORY

I HAVE AN IMPORTANT TASK TO ASK OF YOU RIGHT NOW!

LISTEN!

TOKYO

GET ME TWO HOURS...

NO!

T-TASK... SIR?

...

...!!!

I JUST NEED A SINGLE HOUR. DELAY THE MATCH FROM STARTING!

THAT IS YOUR RESPON-SIBILITY, GOT IT?!

M-ME... SIR?

HEY, CHIEF !!!

ALRIGHT! GOT IT!

WHAT'S YOUR CELL NUMBER ?

AAAH, RIGHT !

...

...THAT COULD BE REMOTELY CALLED A RESPONSIBILITY.

FOR THE PAST NINETEEN YEARS, I WAS NEVER ONCE GIVEN ANYTHING...

YOU GOTTA BE JOKING. THERE'S NO WAY I CAN DO THAT.

ME...?

STOP THOSE TWO...?

WHAT'RE YOU GOING ON ABOUT THIS EARLY IN THE MORNING?

SAY WHAT?

BATTLE EDITOR-IN-CHIEF KENGO SUGA

...

...BUT I HAVE A FAVOR TO ASK FIRST.

I'M ABOUT TO RUSH OVER THERE NOW...

DO IT, ON THE DOUBLE !!!

PLEASE SPREAD THE WORD TO ALL THE TV STATIONS!

MM-HMM... IN ALL THE RIGHT WAYS.

PRETTY SPACIOUS...

...

HM?

I CAN HEAR THE CHEERS TOO.

YES.

I CAN HEAR IT.

...

I DROPPED MY BUCKET...

I-I'M SORRY...

GAIDEN #2 No Way Is It Okay!!

I WAS RUSHING AND JUST...

SORRY ABOUT THIS...

S...

I'LL... WIPE IT UP RIGHT AWAY...

MAKE SURE YOU HURRY IT UP.

AT ONCE!

OH... YES, SIR!

YOU GOTTA BE KIDDING !!!

TOBA AND IGARI ?!

'ENTERTAINER TSUTOMU SEKINE (AGE 45)

WELL... YEAH...

THIS IS ABSO-LUTELY HUGE !!!

...BUT I GUESS IT'S POSSIBLE THAT IT'S TRUE...

WELL... THE INFO HASN'T BEEN CONFIRMED YET...

SHINJUKU

MR. SEKINE, PLEASE!

WE'RE IN THE MIDDLE OF A SHOW!

HOLD ON... MR. SEKINE !!!

RIGHT NOW! AT THE TOKYO DOME!!!

STUDIO ALTA

MOUNT TOBA AND ANTONIO IGARI ARE ABOUT TO FIGHT!!!!

YOU CAN'T DO THAT, SIR!

BUT IF IT IS, THEN THIS'LL BE HUGE!!!

I DON'T KNOW IF IT'S TRUE OR NOT!!!

I'M GOING TO THE TOKYO DOME RIGHT NOW!

YOU ALWAYS WANTED TO SEE IT, RIGHT, EVERYONE?!

IT'S STILL WORTH CHECKING OUT!!!

I DON'T CARE IF IT ENDS UP BEING A LIE!

ARE YOU OKAY WITH MISSING SOMETHING LIKE THAT?!

TOBA AND IGARI ARE GOING TO FACE OFF!!!

CM

AT AMUSEMENT PARKS.

REALLY? REALLY? REALLY?!

WITHIN OFFICES.

IT CAN'T BE!!!

DID YOU SEE THE TV?!

THE UNITY BETWEEN PRO WRESTLING FANS IS FIRM.

IN DOJOS.

BIG NEWS !!!

YOU SERIOUS ?!

WITHIN THE SELF-DEFENSE FORCE.

HM?! AND?!

INSIDE FUNERAL HOMES.

...THE NEWS SPREAD LIKE WILDFIRE IN THE BLINK OF AN EYE.

WITH INTENSITY RIVALING THAT OF THE DEATH OF A BELOVED PUBLIC FIGURE...

HEY, YOU...

...BUT ARE YOU WORKING THAT SLOW ON PURPOSE...?

CALL ME CRAZY...

HUH?

...AND YOU'RE NOT EVEN CLOSE TO DONE.

WELL, IT'S BEEN THIRTY MINUTES...

NO...

OH...

GOT TO BE THOROUGH...

I-I'M TRYING TO MAKE IT AS CLEAN AS POSSIBLE...

GOD, I'M SO BUSTED.

FOR ABOUT TWO OR THREE HOURS...

YES.

ICHIRO YAMADA, AGE 54

STEPPING OUT?

不動産浦

*SIGN: URA REAL ESTATE

...

真実一路

*SIGN: STRAIGHT SINCERITY

...SO THAT TAKES PRIORITY OVER EVERY-THING, SIR.

TOBA AND IGARI ARE HAVING A MATCH...

THIRTY-FIVE YEARS STRAIGHT, NEVER LATE, NEVER ABSENT.

WELL, I DON'T MIND, BUT... WILL YOU MAKE IT IN TIME FOR THE AFTERNOON MEETING?

...

PLEASE EXPLAIN YOUR-SELF!!!

...

I CAN'T BELIEVE YOU'RE STEPPING OUT *NOW* OF ALL TIMES...

SURGEON RYOICHI SOTODATE

SORRY...

THE OPERATION IS ALL PREPPED, DOCTOR.

WAIT ...

DOCTOR!

WHERE ARE YOU GOING ?!

...AND TOBA ARE...

I-IGARI ...

HUUUH?!

SPLASH

I'M SORRY !!!

SHF

I DID IT AGAIN ...

OOPS ...

LOOM
...!!!
ANSWER MY QUESTION.

THE JIG IS UP!!!

WHY ARE YOU STALLING FOR TIME?

...!!!

ANSWER.

AAH...

AH...

WHY ARE YOU TWO HAVING A MATCH ON YOUR OWN?!

BIG EGG
KORAKUEN

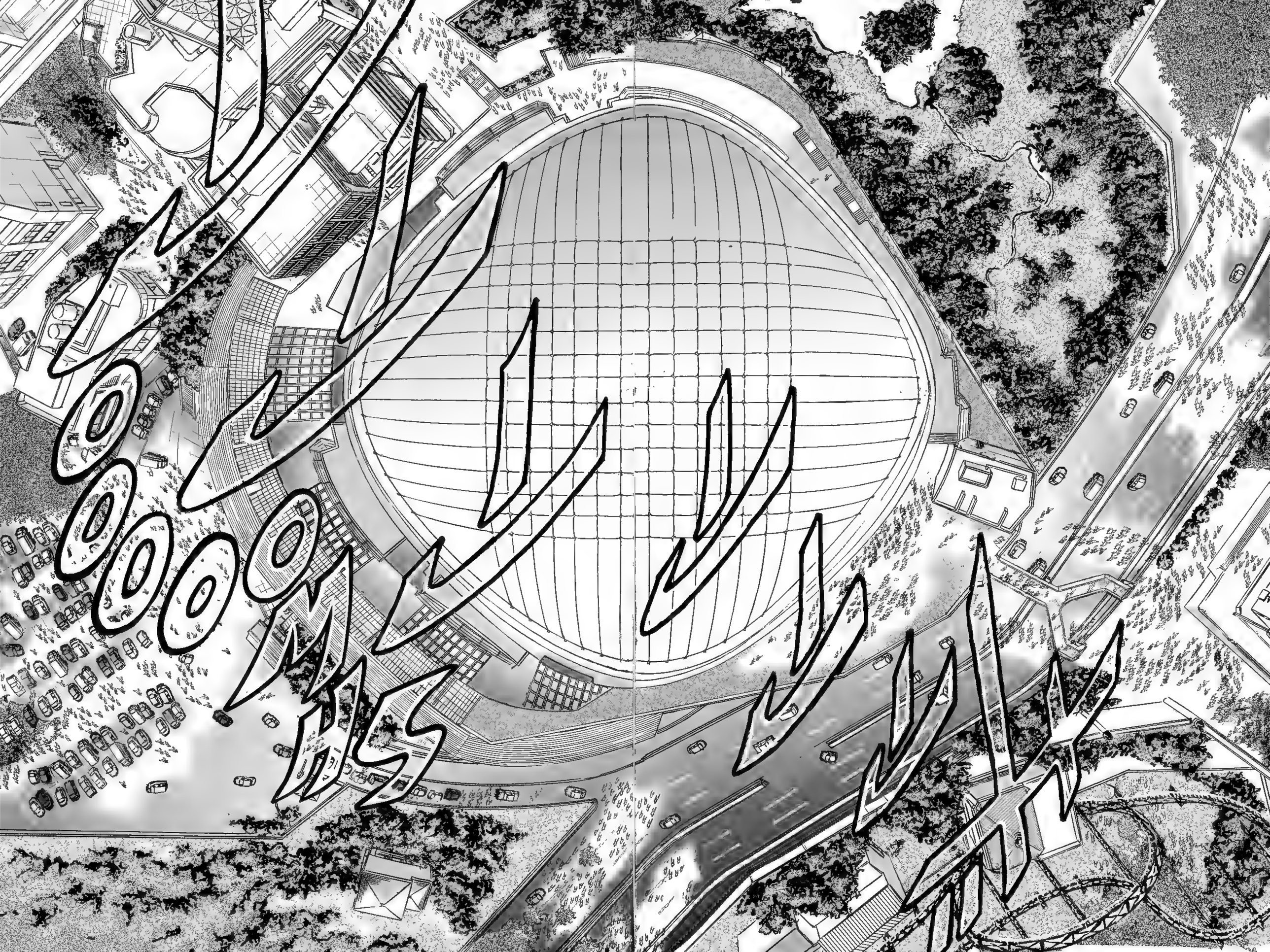
NO WAY IS IT OKAY FOR MOUNT TOBA AND IGARI TO HAVE A MATCH IN SECRET!!!

SIRS !!!

I'M SORRY !!!

I WAS OUT OF LINE!!!

...!!!



NO NEED TO APOLOGIZE.

HEY... AREN'T YOU...

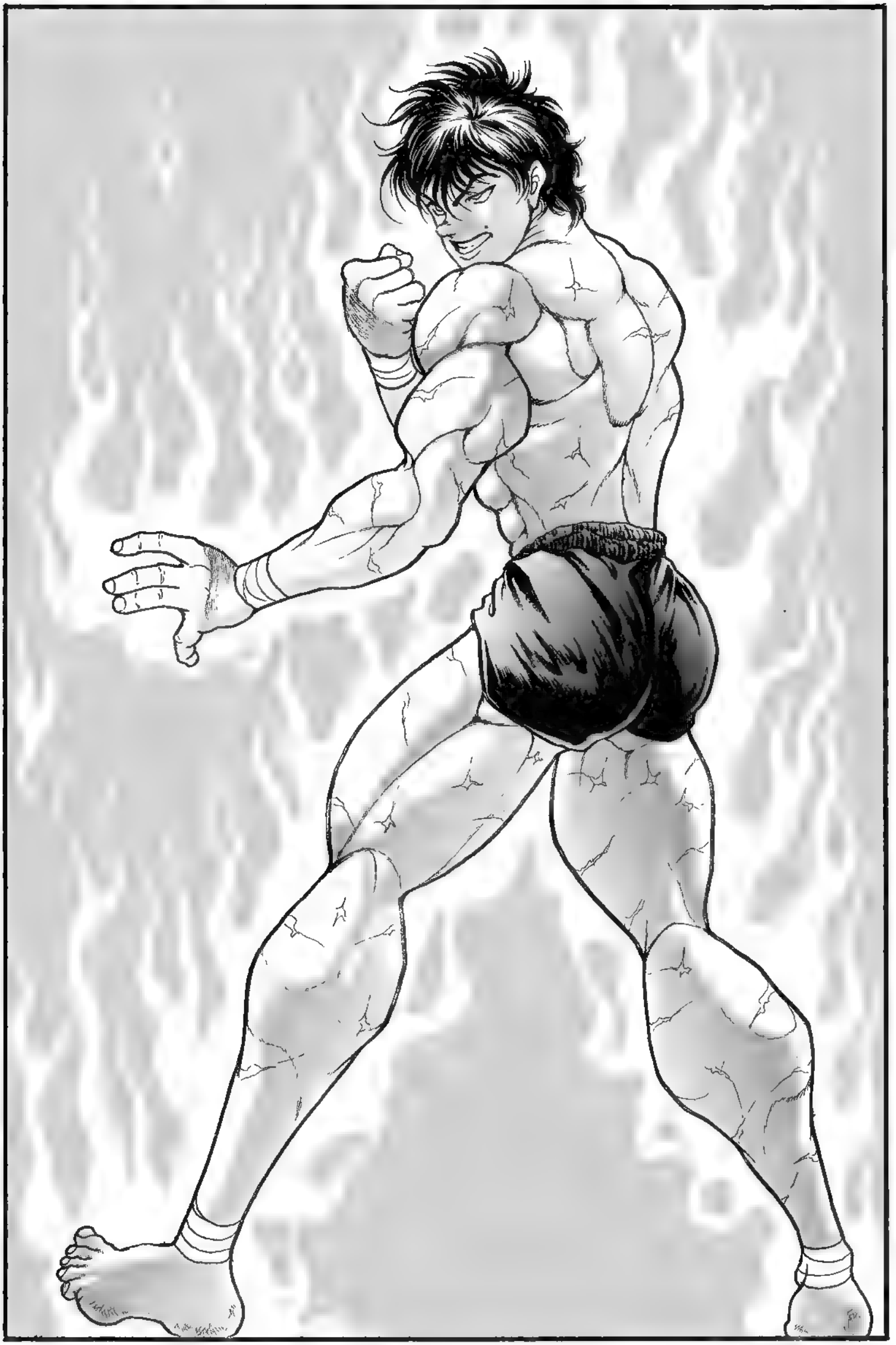
NO WAY IS IT OKAY FOR TOBA AND IGARI TO JUST UP AND HAVE A MATCH!

FORGET THOSE TWO AND LET'S JUST START.

KAN.

GOOD IDEA.
BAM
DOM

GAIDEN #3 You Dumbass



THEY'RE REALLY HERE!!!

TOBA AND IGARI ARE HERE!!!

IT'S NOT A DREAM !!!

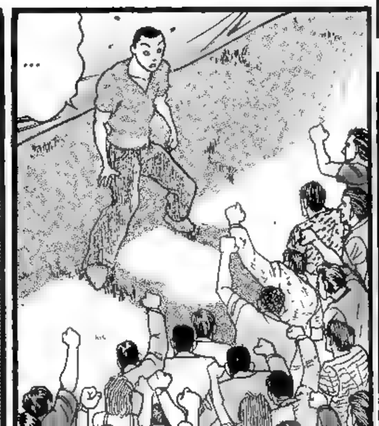
TOBA AND IGARI REALLY ARE GONNA FIGHT !!!

WHY WOULD YOU HIDE THIS?!!

DO YOU KNOW HOW MANY YEARS WE'VE WAITED FOR THIS?!

...!!!

THEY MADE IT IN TIME...
HA HA.


...

I KNOW YOU TWO MUST HAVE A LOT OF REASONS WHY YOU DON'T WANT ANYONE TO INTERFERE.

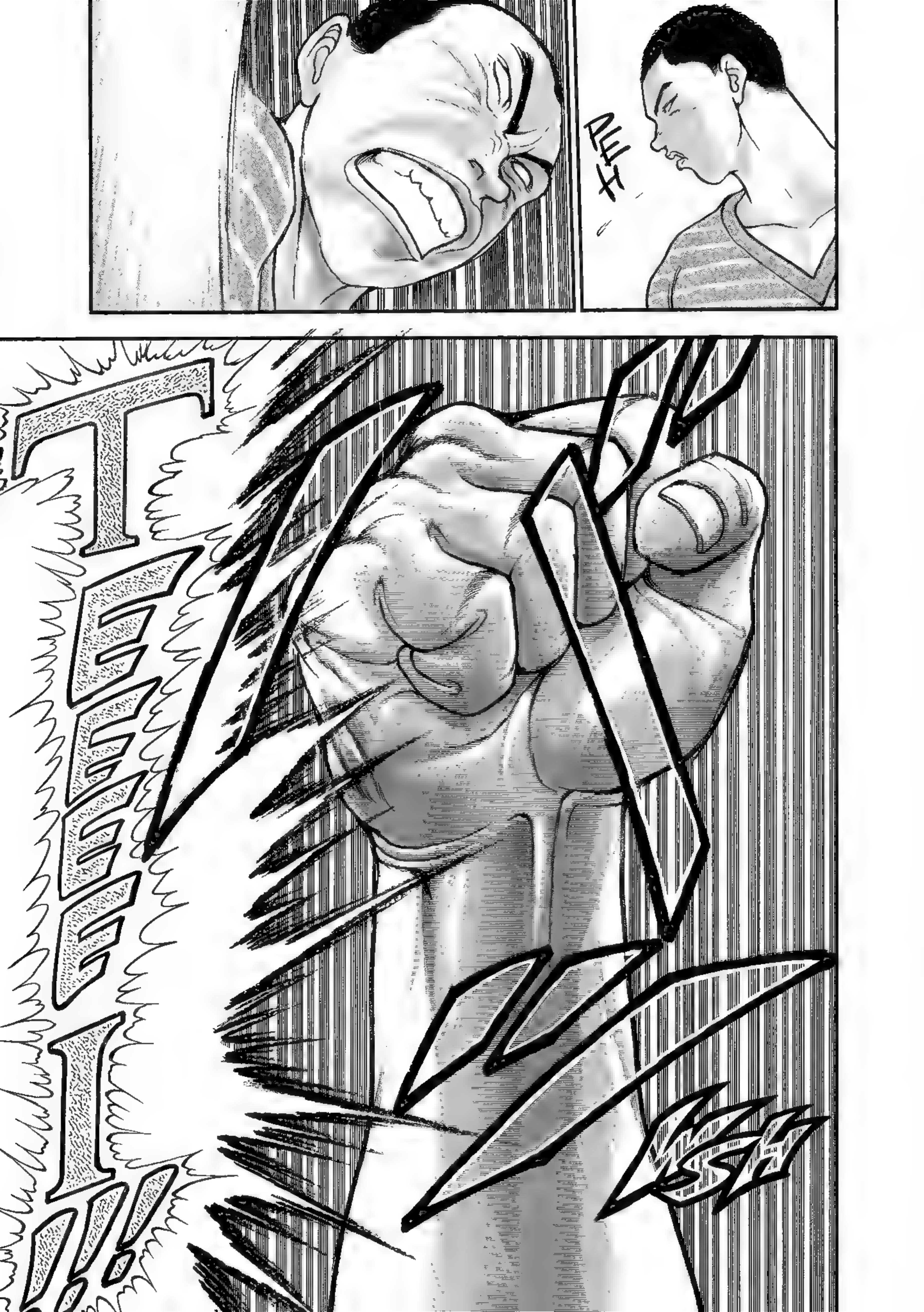
BUT...

THANK YOU VERY MUCH !!!

YOU DUMBASS ...

MUR MUR...

PLEASE FORGIVE ME.


PEH
VSSH

*CHEERS: THE FANS ARE SHOWING THEIR EXCITEMENT FOR TOBA (TEE) AND IGARI'S (I) MATCH

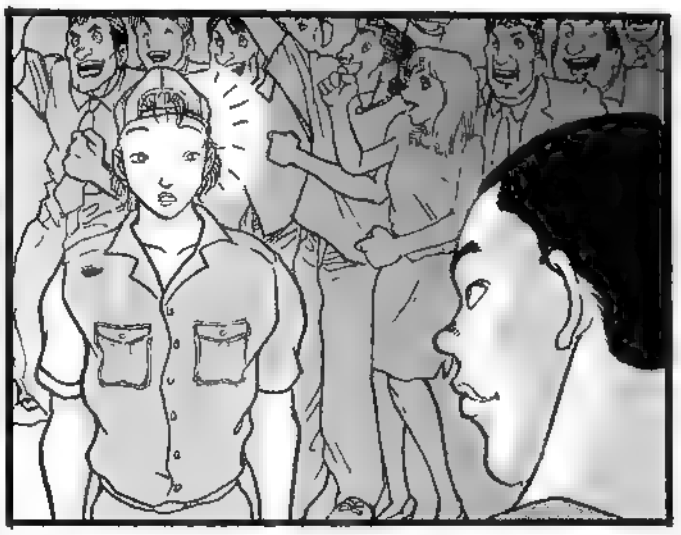
FSH
FSH

EEE!!!
LLOO

TEEEEIEI!!
GWAAA

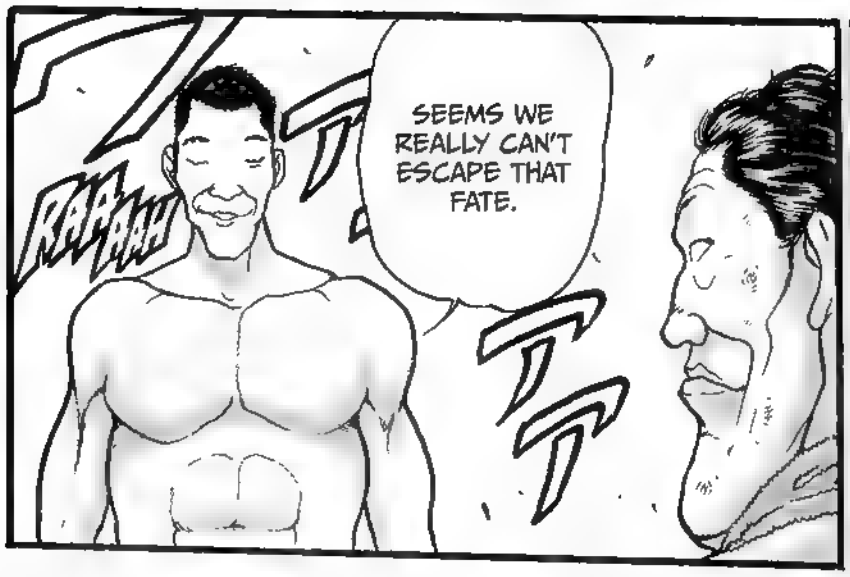
TMP

I GUESS WE CAN'T AVOID IT, MR. TOBA.



YOU GATHERED THEM HERE.

GRIN


SEEMS WE REALLY CAN'T ESCAPE THAT FATE.

AND THAT...

FOR THE BUSINESS... FOR THE PROMOTION... FOR THE FANS...
HOOOO

...COULDN'T MAKE ME HAPPIER.

...METICULOUS...

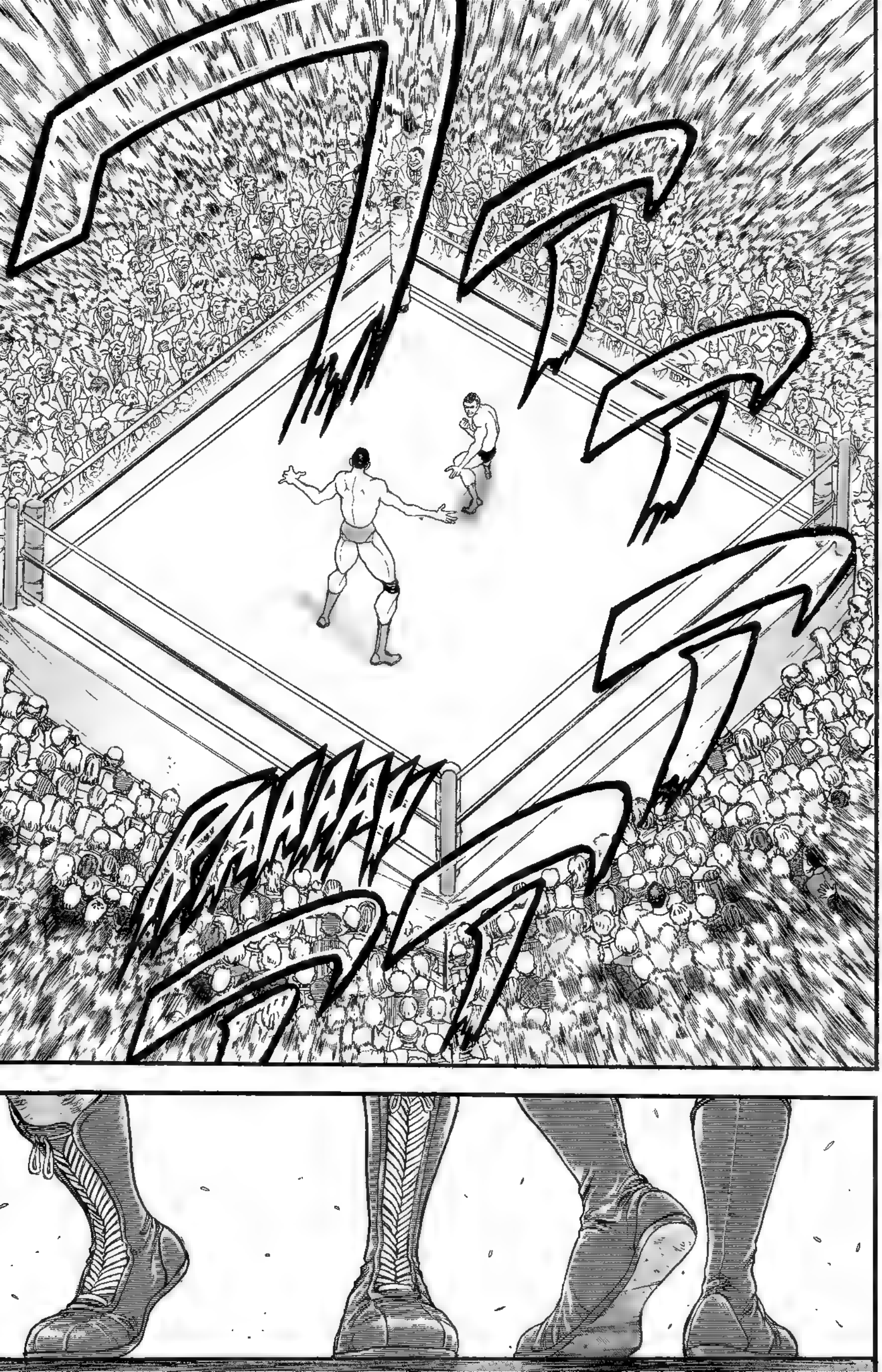
...CLEAN...

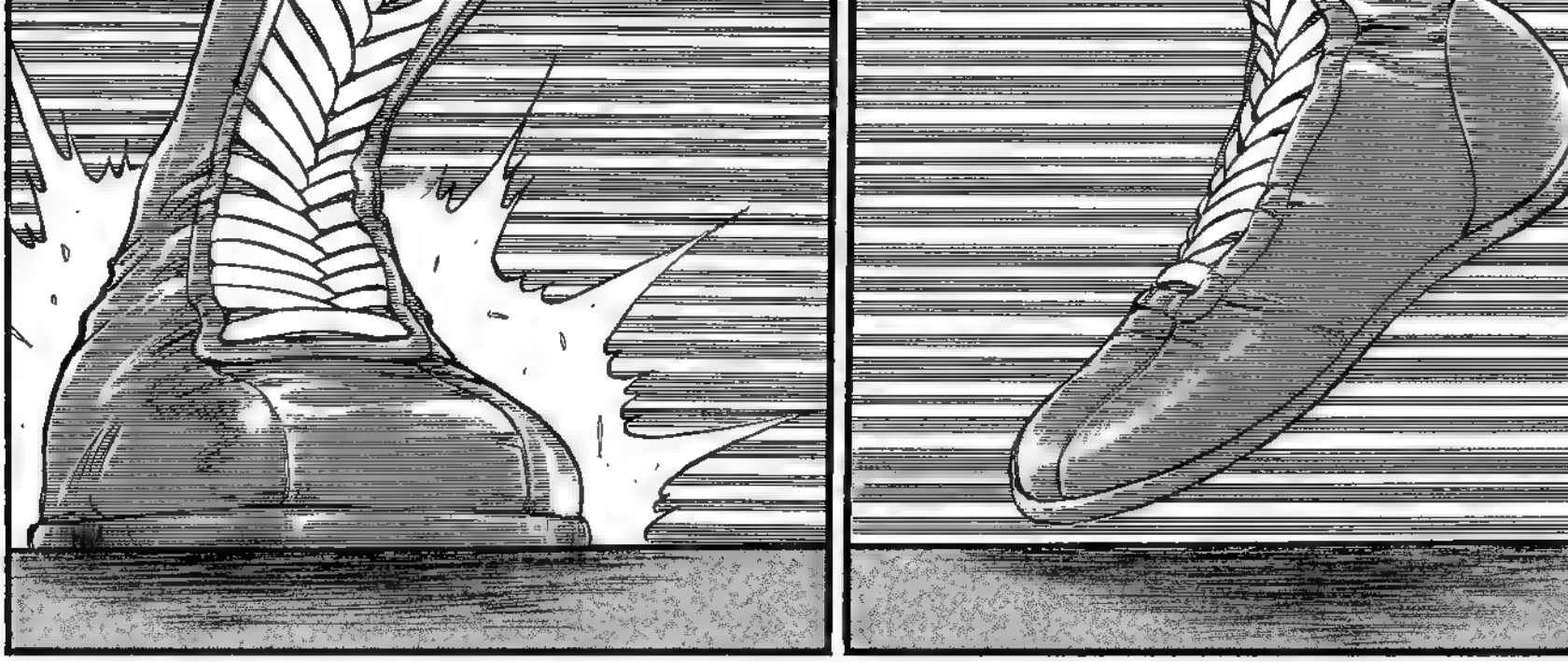
LET'S DO THIS, KAN...

...PRO WRESTLING.

...AND SERIOUS...

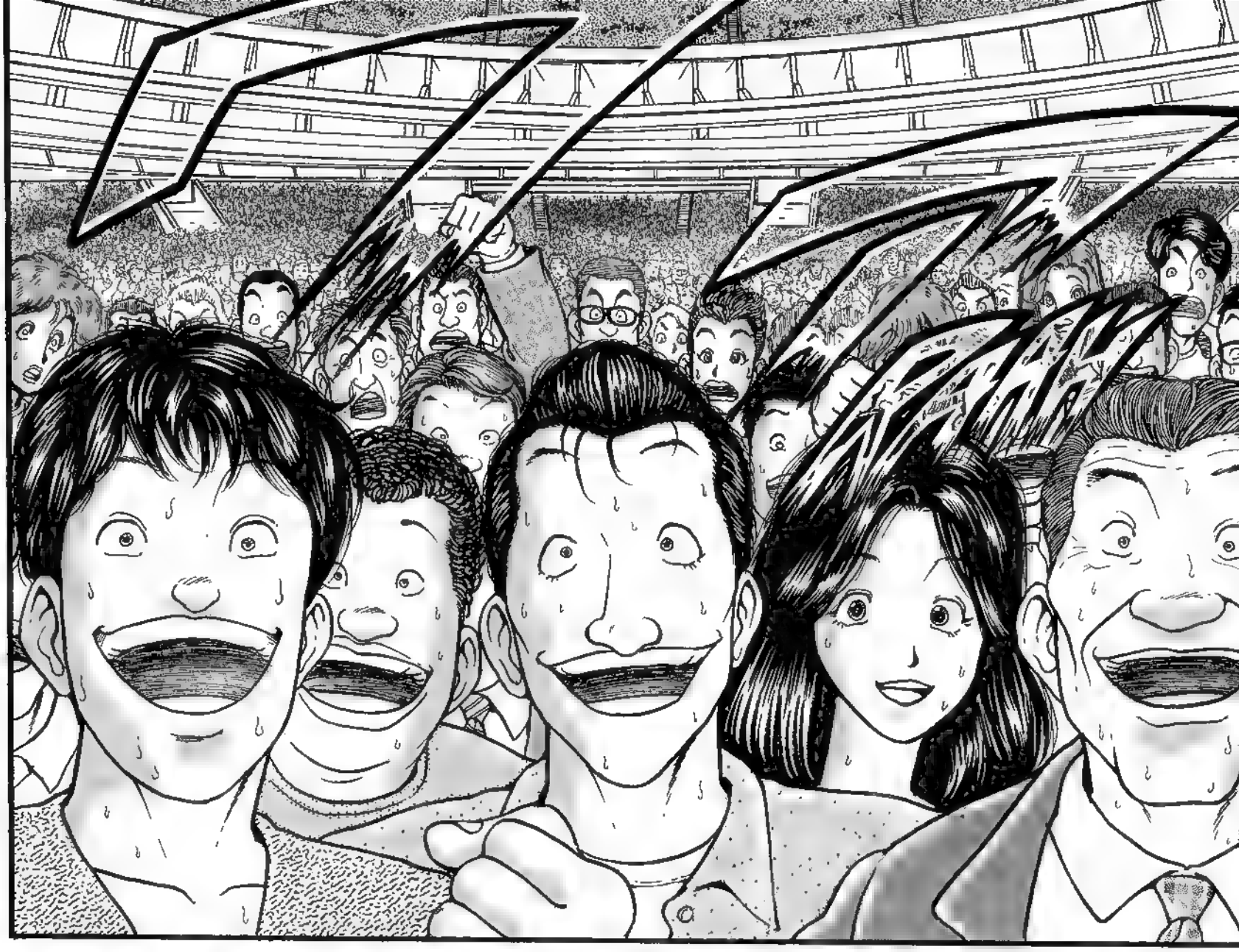
SNF...

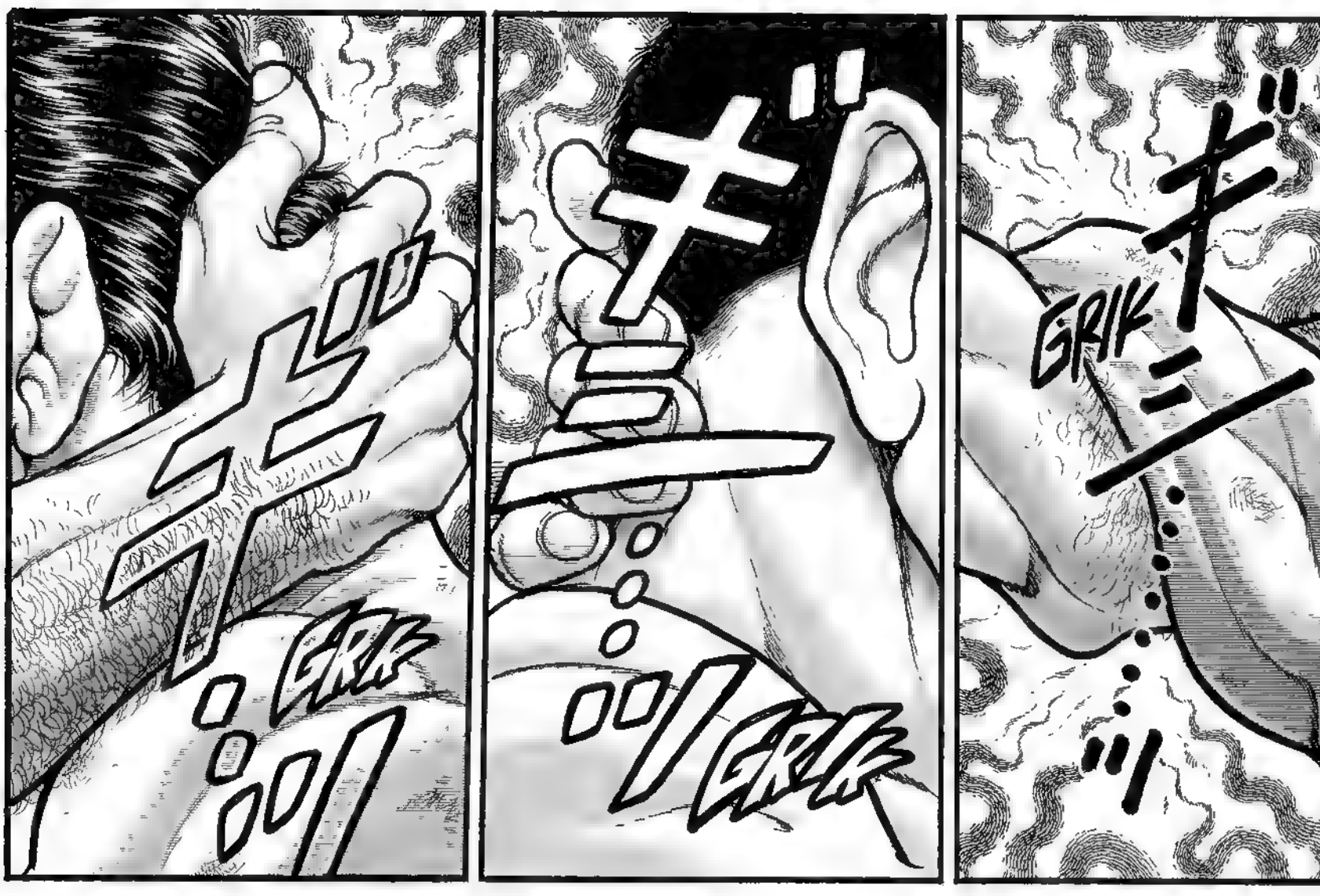




GAIDEN #4 You Lucky Guys

GRAK




GRIP
GRIP
GRIP

KRSH
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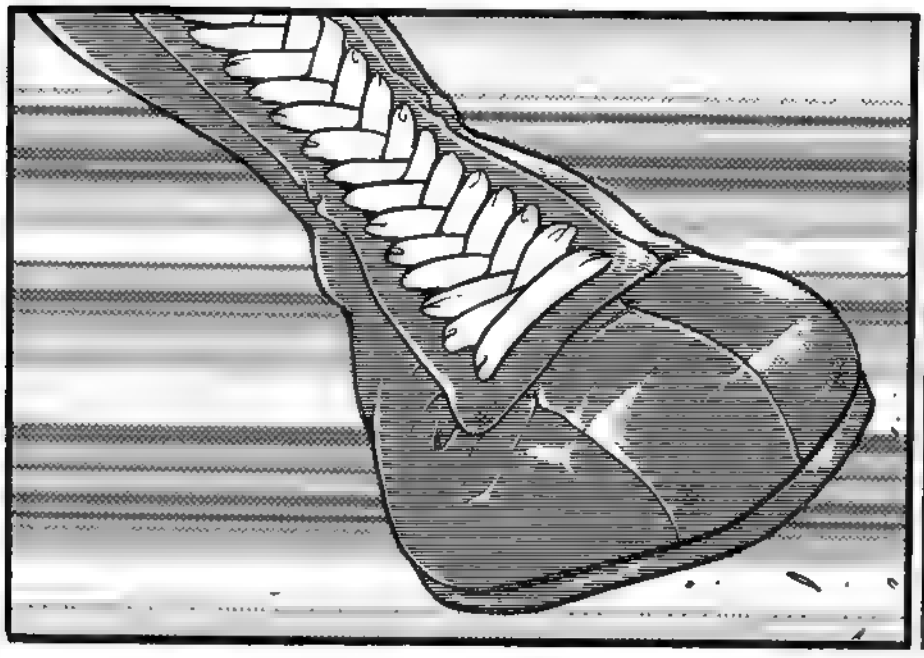
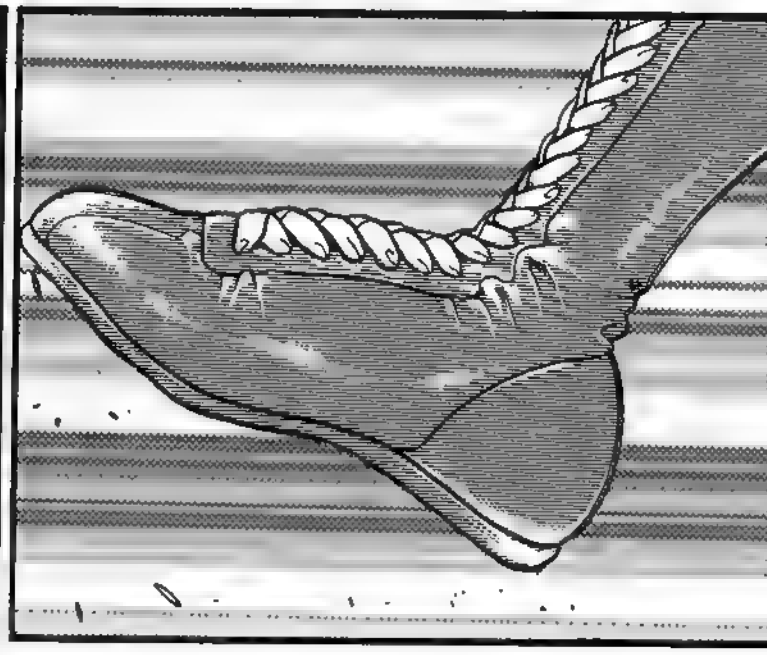




WOOO

UM...

COUPLE OF LUCKY GUYS, MAN...

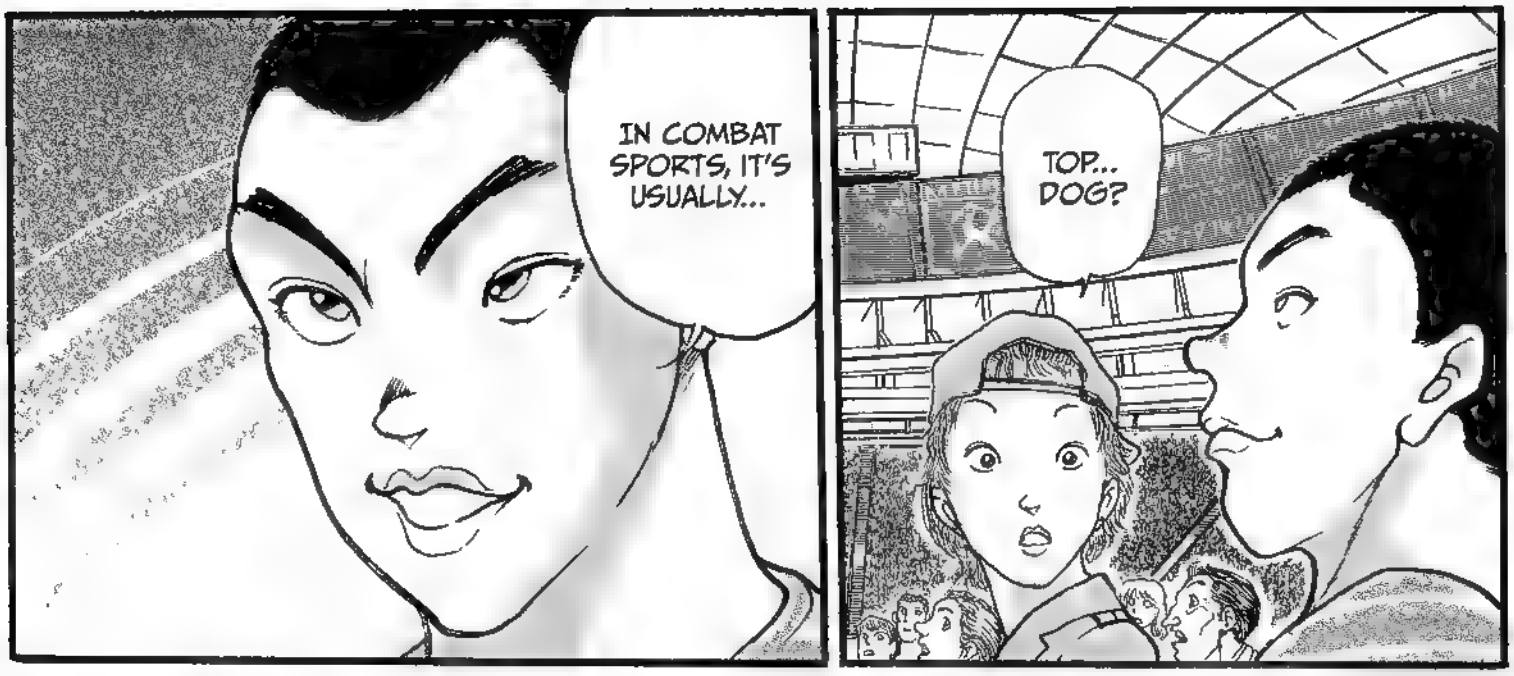
WHO'S STRONGER?

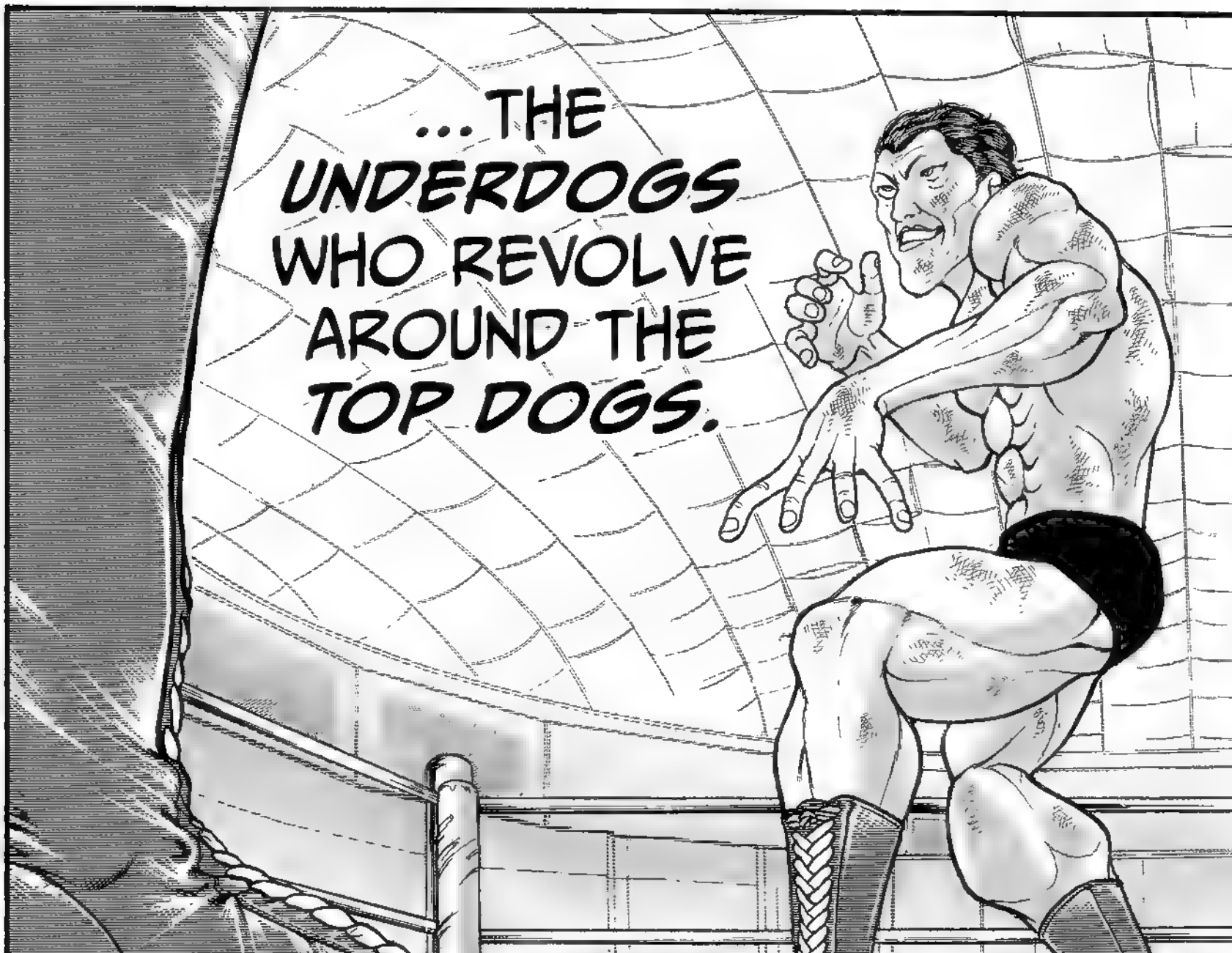
HMMM...

I DON'T KNOW WHICH ONE IS THE STRONGEST ...

BUT AS FAR AS WHO THE TOP DOG IS...

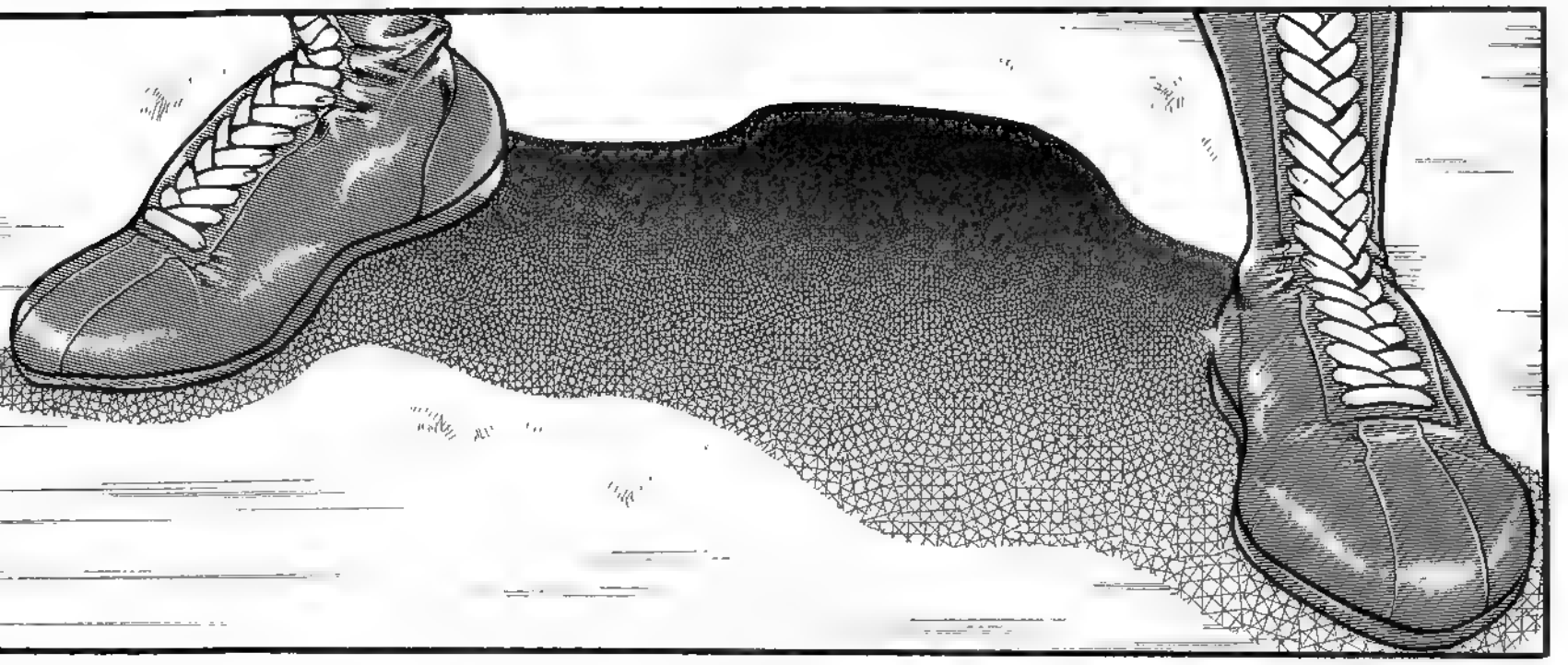
...WE'RE ABOUT TO FIND OUT.

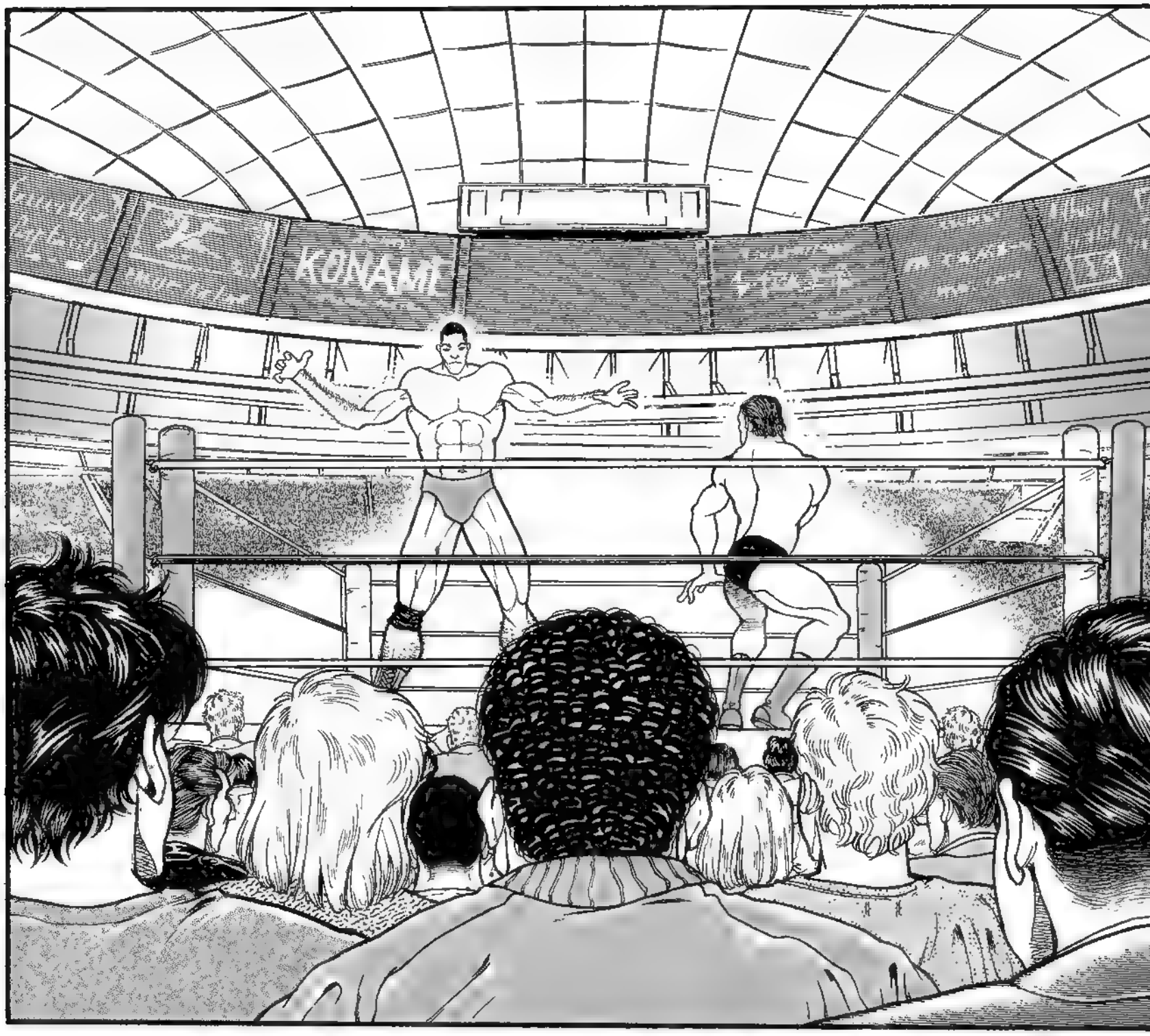

IN COMBAT SPORTS, IT'S USUALLY...
TOP... DOG?


...THE UNDERDOGS WHO REVOLVE AROUND THE TOP DOGS.

...ARE ABOUT TO DECIDE THE PECKING ORDER.

MOUNT TOBA AND ANTONIO IGARI...




KONAMI

SEIKO

...!!!

THEY'RE FROZEN...
...

...

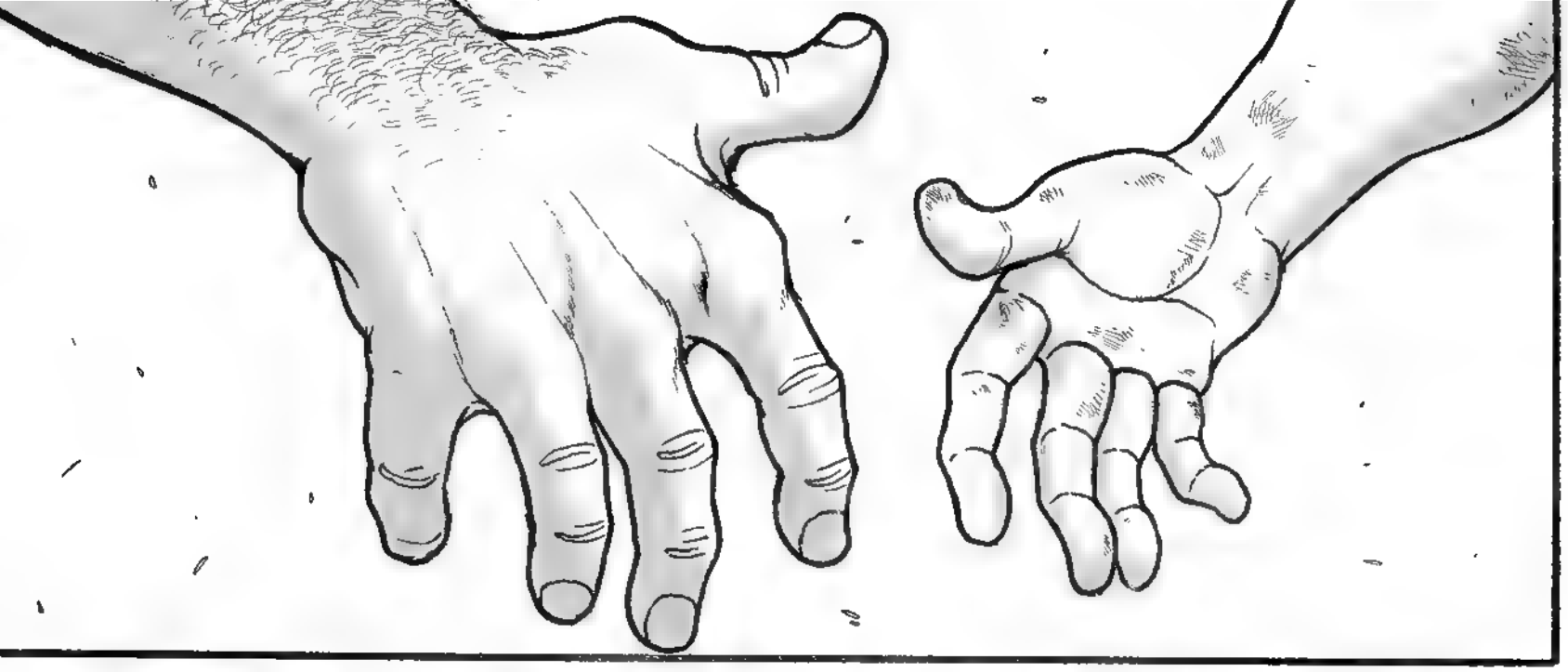
!!!

IGARI LOWERED HIS STANCE!!!

LET'S SHAKE, MR. TOBA.

HA HA...

IF WE'RE GONNA START WITHOUT A BELL RING, THEN AT LEAST...



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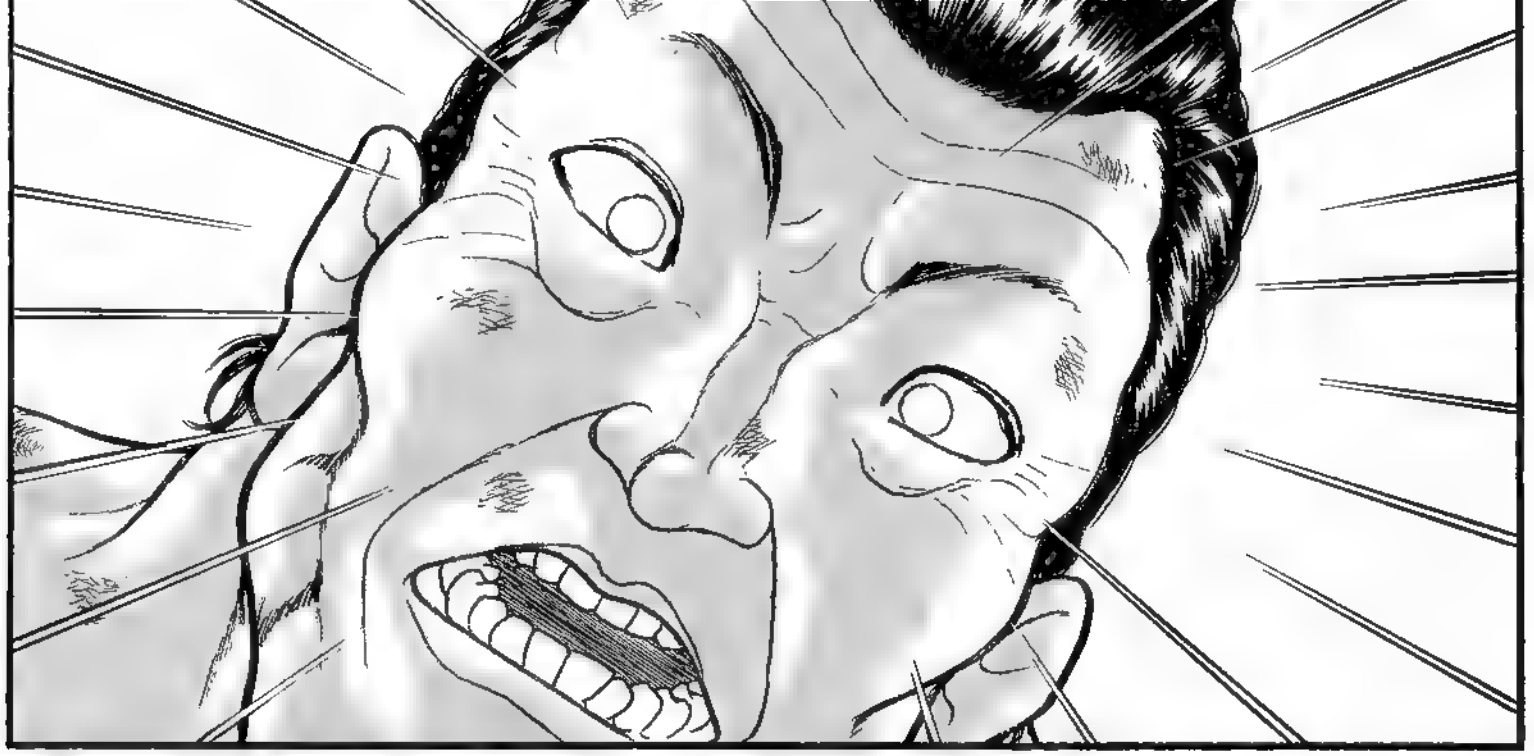
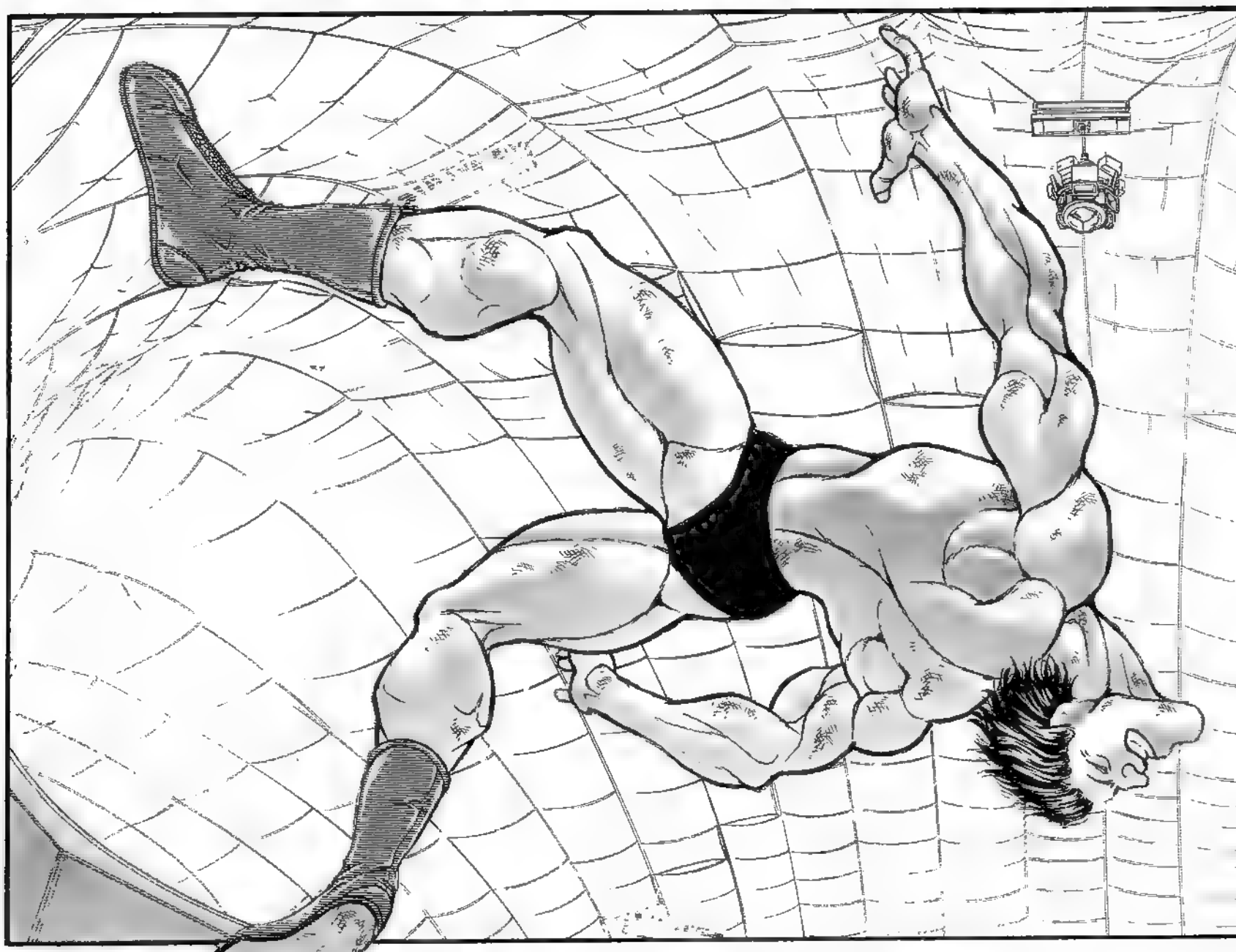




THIS...

...THE 16-MON KICK!!!

THIS IS...

HOW TOBA-ESQUE!!!

HEH HEH...

FEIGNING A HANDSHAKE FOR A SNEAK ATTACK.

TRULY DIRTY.

NOW IT FEELS LIKE I'M TRULY FACING ANTONIO IGARI.

SHF
ダーン
TMP

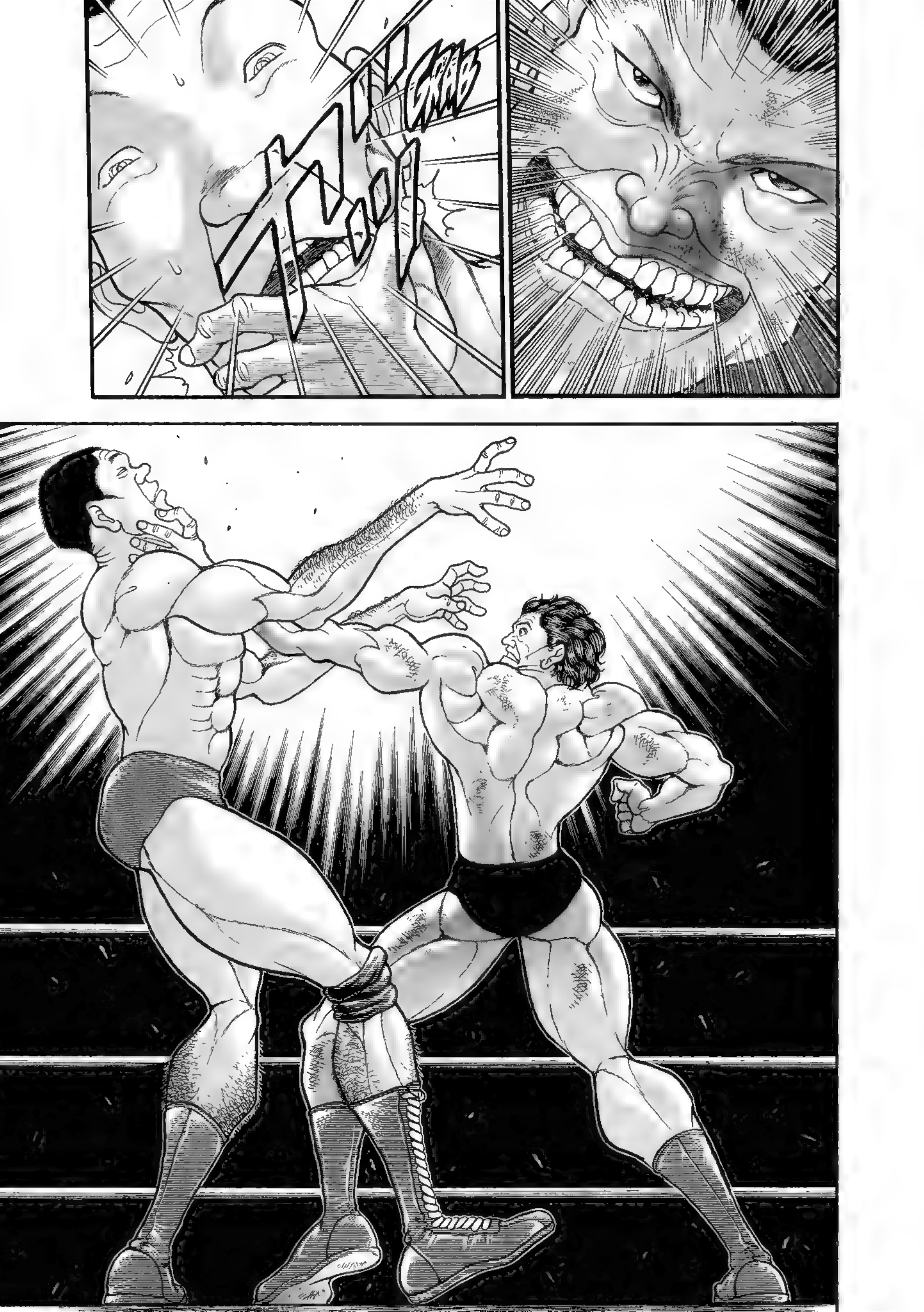
KRAK

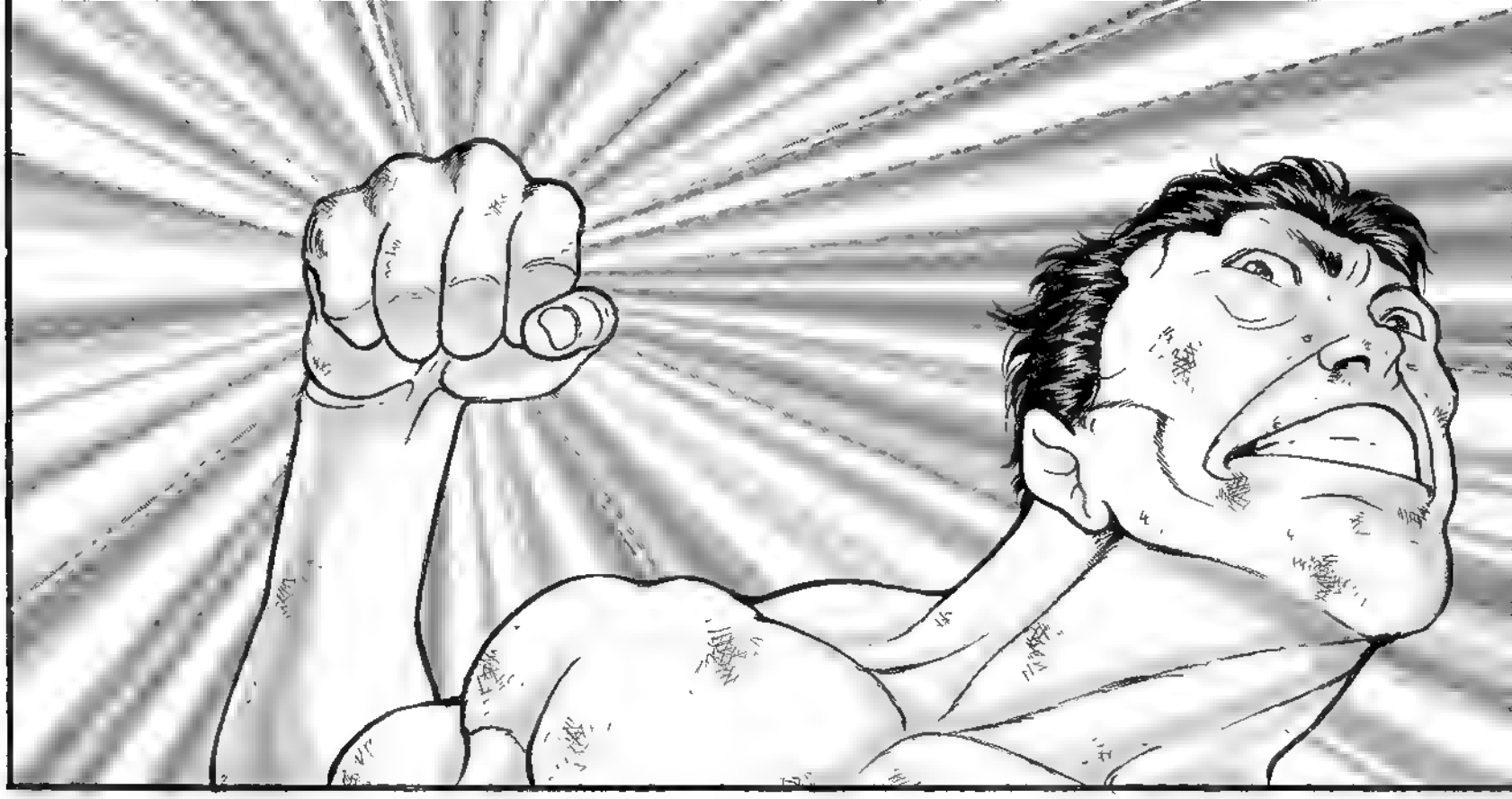
GAIDEN #5 The King's Way Is!!!

THERE IT IS !!!

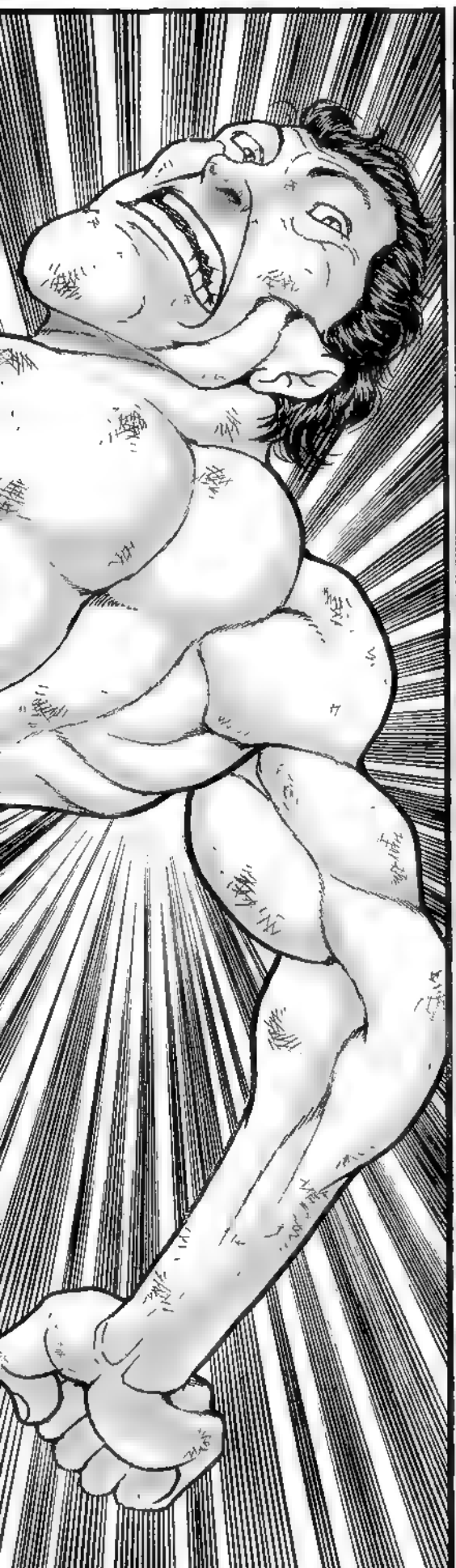
THE KNUCKLE ARROW !!!

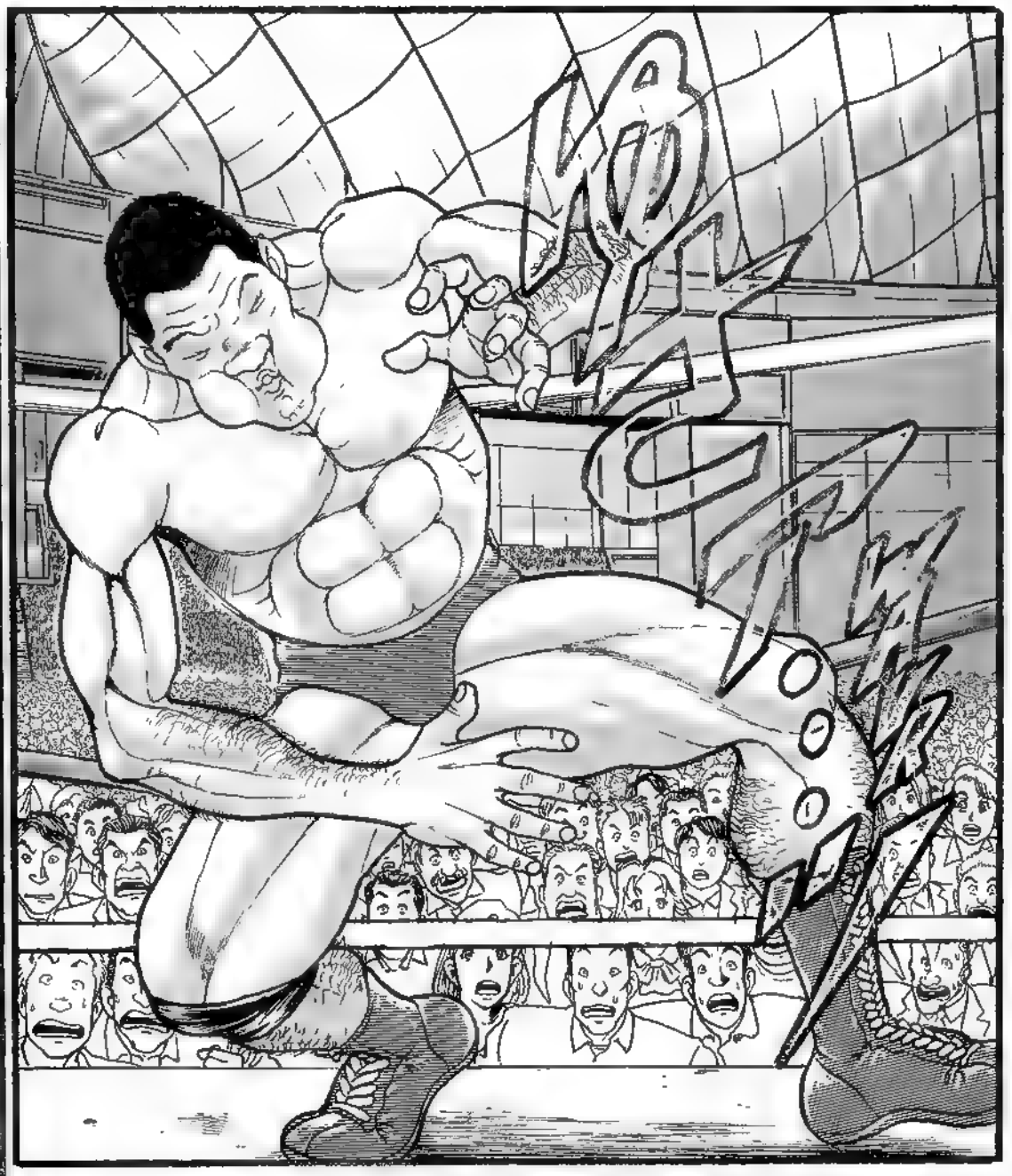
WHAP

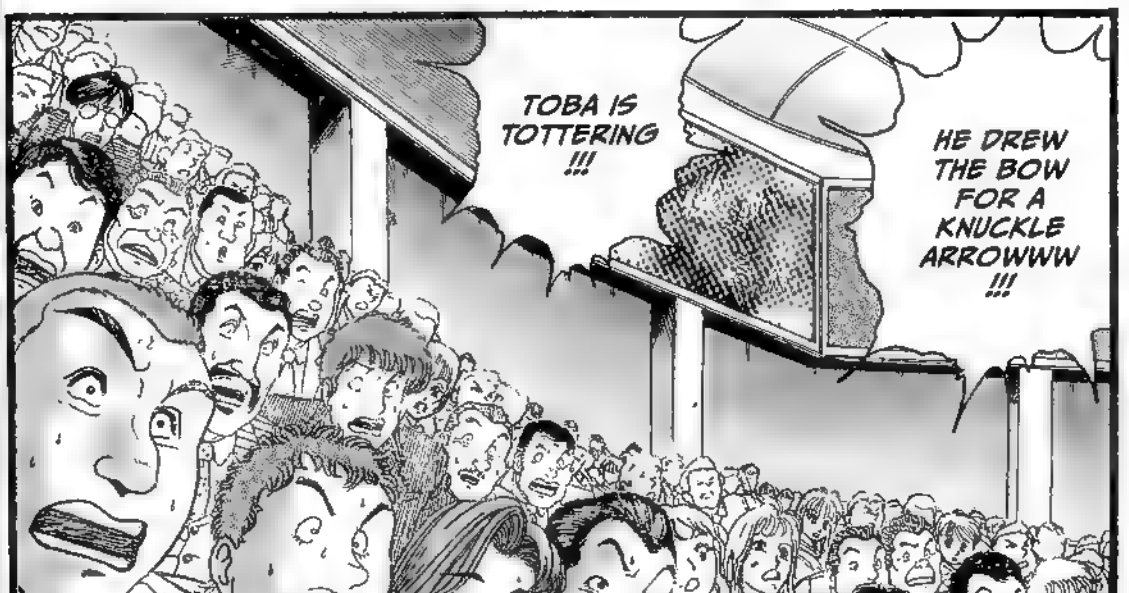

GRAB



KRA-KOW
!!






TOBA IS TOTTERING !!!
HE DREW THE BOW FOR A KNUCKLE ARROWWW !!!

DA-SHAAAH!!!

OH, THERE'S BLOOD! HE'S BLEEDING ...!
IGARI HAS A HUGE ARSENAL OF BIG MOVES ...
...A LOT OF EXPERTS SAY THAT THE *IRON FIST* IS ANTONIO IGARI'S TRUE SPECIAL TECHNIQUE.

YOU'RE THE BEST, IGAR!!!!!!!!!

HEH HEH...

ボDRP

ボDRP

ボDRP

PRETTY NICE START...

IF WE WERE USING THE VALE TUDO RULE-SET...

I THOROUGHLY ENJOYED THAT.

TOBA!!! GET BACK AT HIM!!!

...THAT'D BE ONE PUNCH I'D WANNA AVOID AT ALL COSTS...

KRA-KOW

CRUSH

NOTEN KARATAKE-WARI! THE BRAIN CHOP!!!

...BUT THAT'S NOT GONNA FLY IN PRO WRESTLING.

ビリ TINGE

ビリ TINGE

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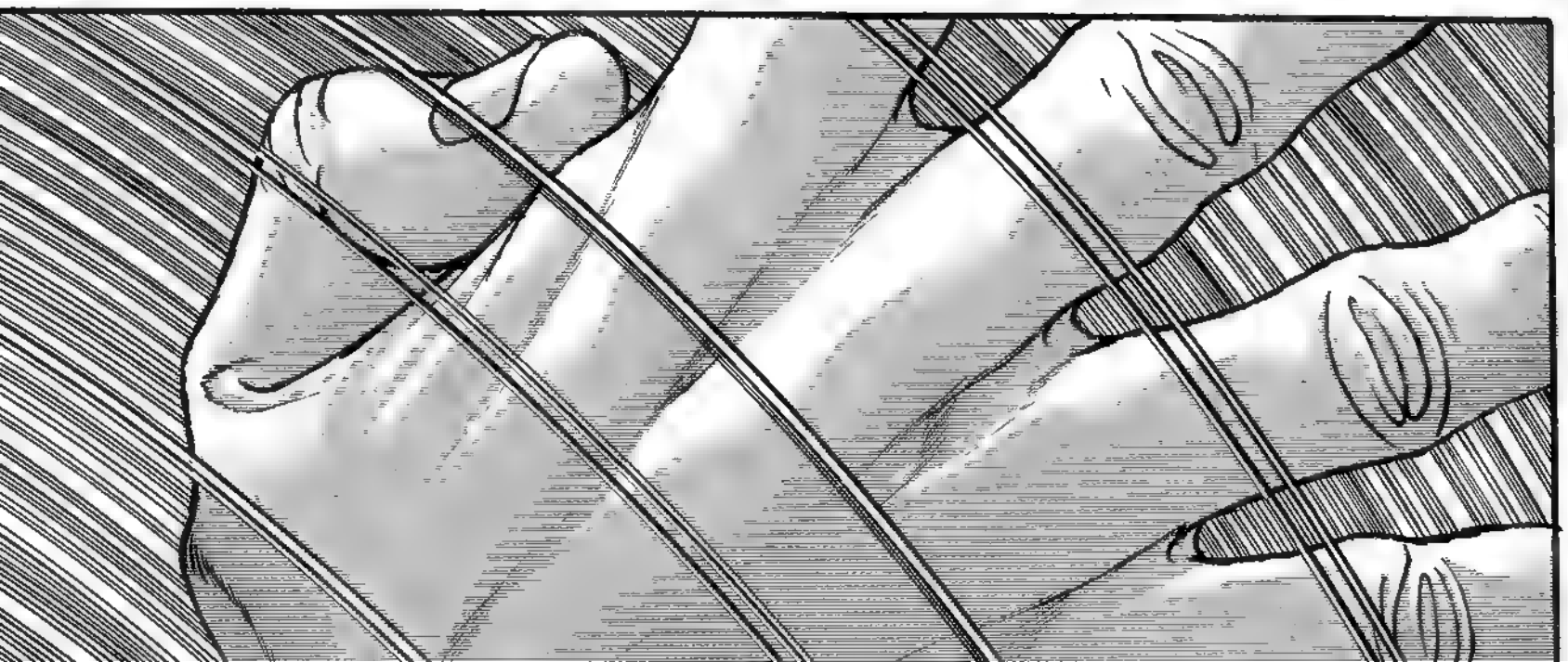
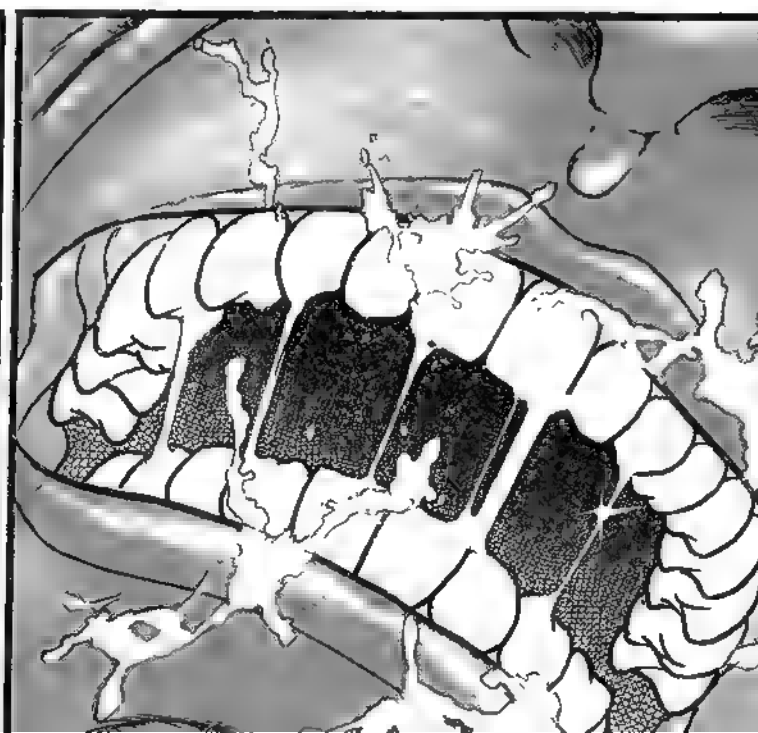
THAT'S RIGHT, MR. TOBA !!!



TUG



GRAB
A PRO WRESTLER...
...SHOULDN'T RUN AWAY FROM MOVES!!!

COCONUT CRUUUUSH !!!

...MY OPPONENT'S ATTACKS!!!

I'LL TAKE ON ALL OF...

SHOOM

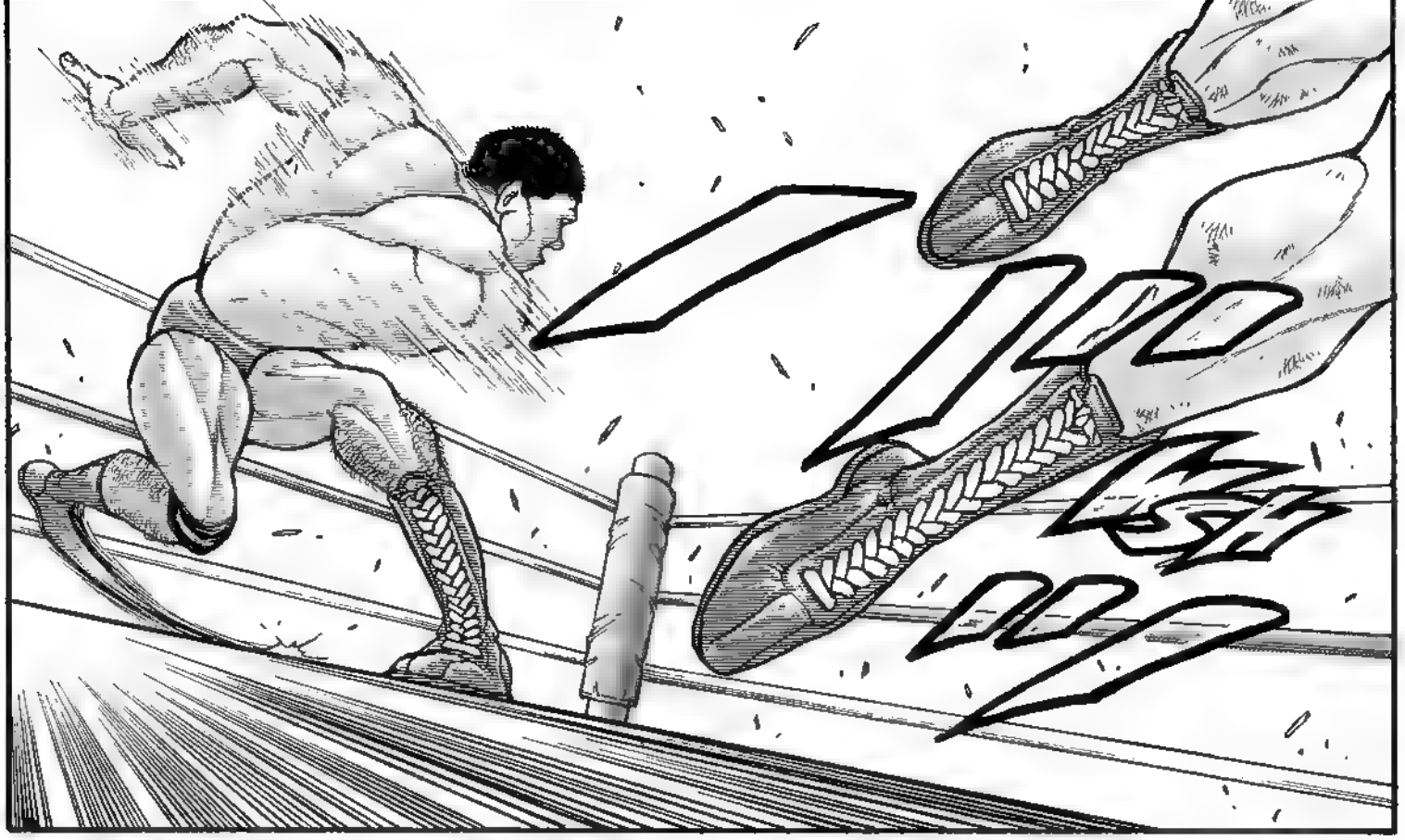
HE'S REALLY WORKING HIM OVER!

NO MATTER WHAT DANGEROUS MOVE COMES MY WAY...

WHOOM

...I'LL TAKE ALL OF 'EM ON!!!

IDEAL PRO WRESTLING IS...!
THE PRO WRESTLING WAY IS...!!!



THIS IS THE
"KING'S WAY"
FOR
WRESTLERS
...!!!

TWRL
KREEK
LET THEM HACK AT YOUR BODY...
NO!
TMP

LET THEM BREAK YOUR BONES ...

HRGH!

HE CAN STILL PULL THAT OFF?!

THE 32-MON ROCKET LAUNCHER-RRR!!!

...WHILE YOU GRIND THEM DOWN ...!!!

GAIDEN #6 Isn't So Easy!!!

LET 'EM SHATTER YOUR BONES SO YOU CAN CHIP AWAY AT THEM! GIVE MILES TO TAKE INCHES!

THAT'S WHAT PRO WRESTLING'S ABOUT!

HE CLIMBED ALL THE WAY OUT THE RING?

THAT'S RARE FOR YOU, MR. TOBA.

OH!!

SLAM ME INTO IT AS HARD AS YOU CAN !!!

SMF

TO THE RING POST ?!!!

ROLL

ROLL

THUD

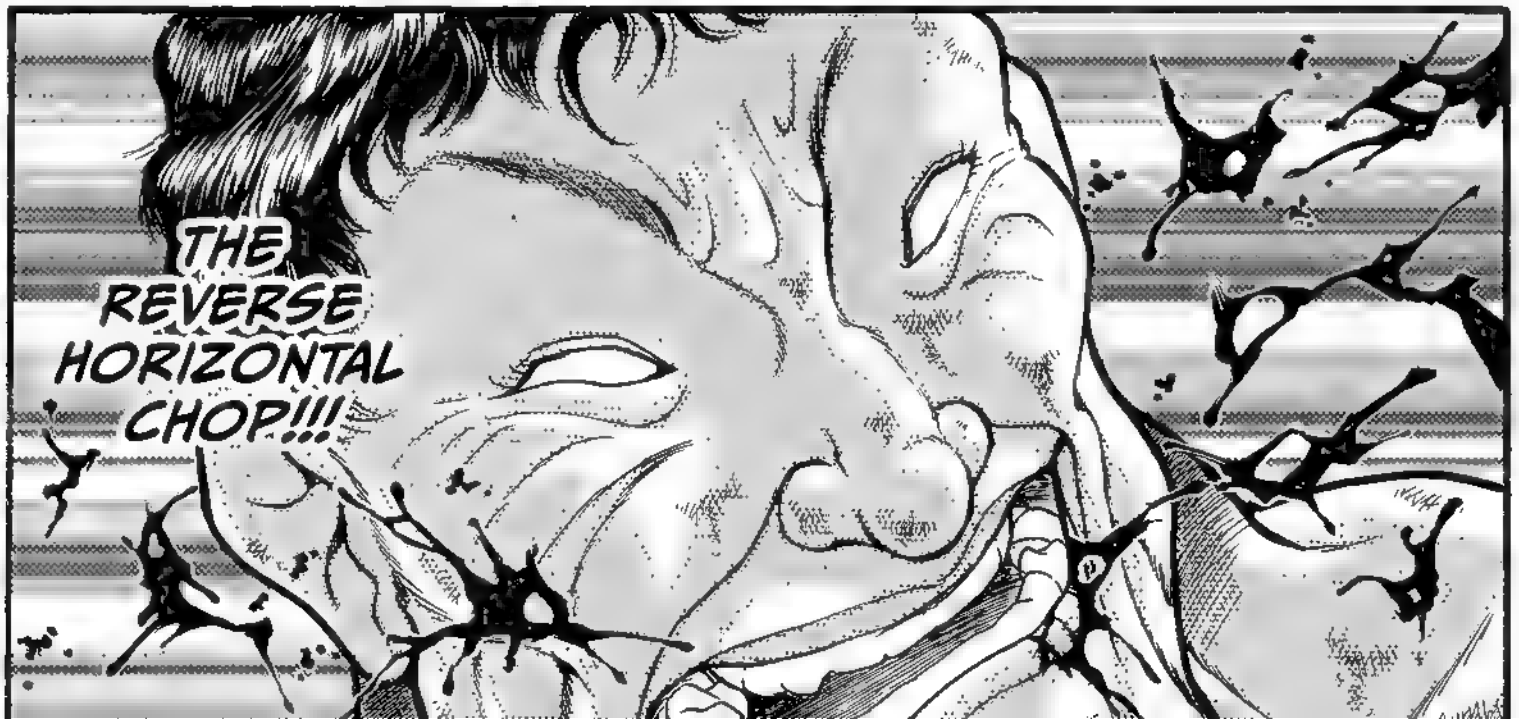
WAY TO STAY CLEAN, TOBA!!!

THEY'RE GONNA END IT IN THE RING !!!

アアアアアアアアアア
RAA
AAH
オーオオ
WOOO
YOU'RE TAKING ALL THE GLORY FOR YOURSELF, AREN'T YOU, MR. TOBA.

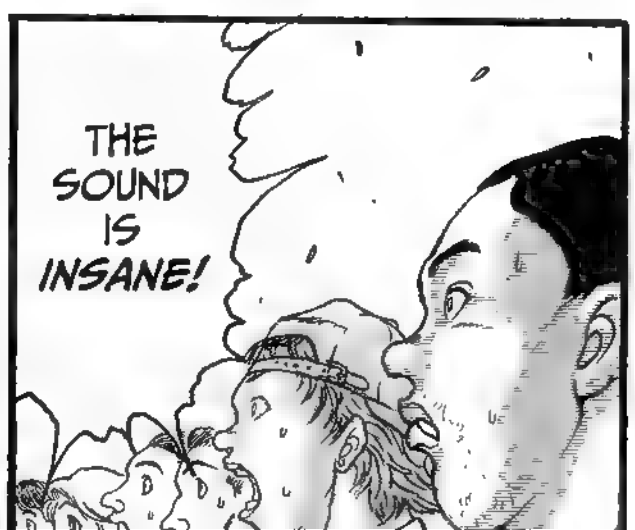
WOW

...PRETTY DIRTY OF YOU.
THAT'S...


THE REVERSE HORIZONTAL CHOP!!!

NO! I'M REALLY FEELING THE PAIN!!!
I'M FEELING THE PAIN...
HA HA HA

DON'T TELL ME...


THE SOUND IS INSANE!

...HE'S TRYING TO SQUASH ME.
FWNG
TMP

I'M IN PRIME POSITION!

ENZUI-
GIRIIII
!!!

YOU'VE ALWAYS BEEN LIKE THIS.

NOW I SEE...

...YOU'D ALWAYS LET ME HAVE THE-BIG MOMENTS.

EVEN WHEN WE'D TAG...

YOU TOOK AN ENZUI HEAD-ON...

HFF

HFF

HFF

HFF

WHAM

...AND YOU WIPED THE SLATE CLEAN FOR ME.

PRO WRESTLING ISN'T SO EASY !!!

WHAK

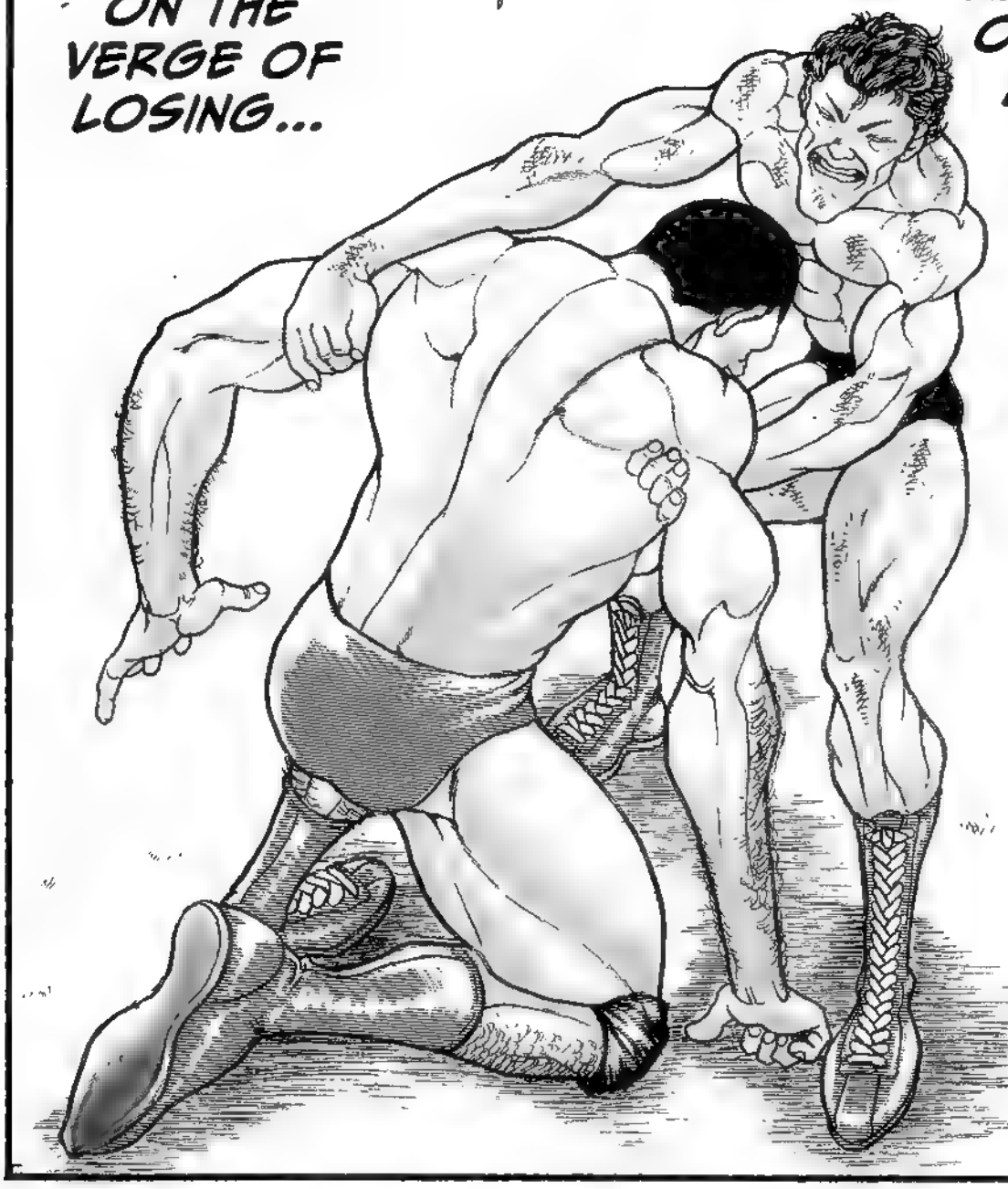
BAM

WHAK

BAM

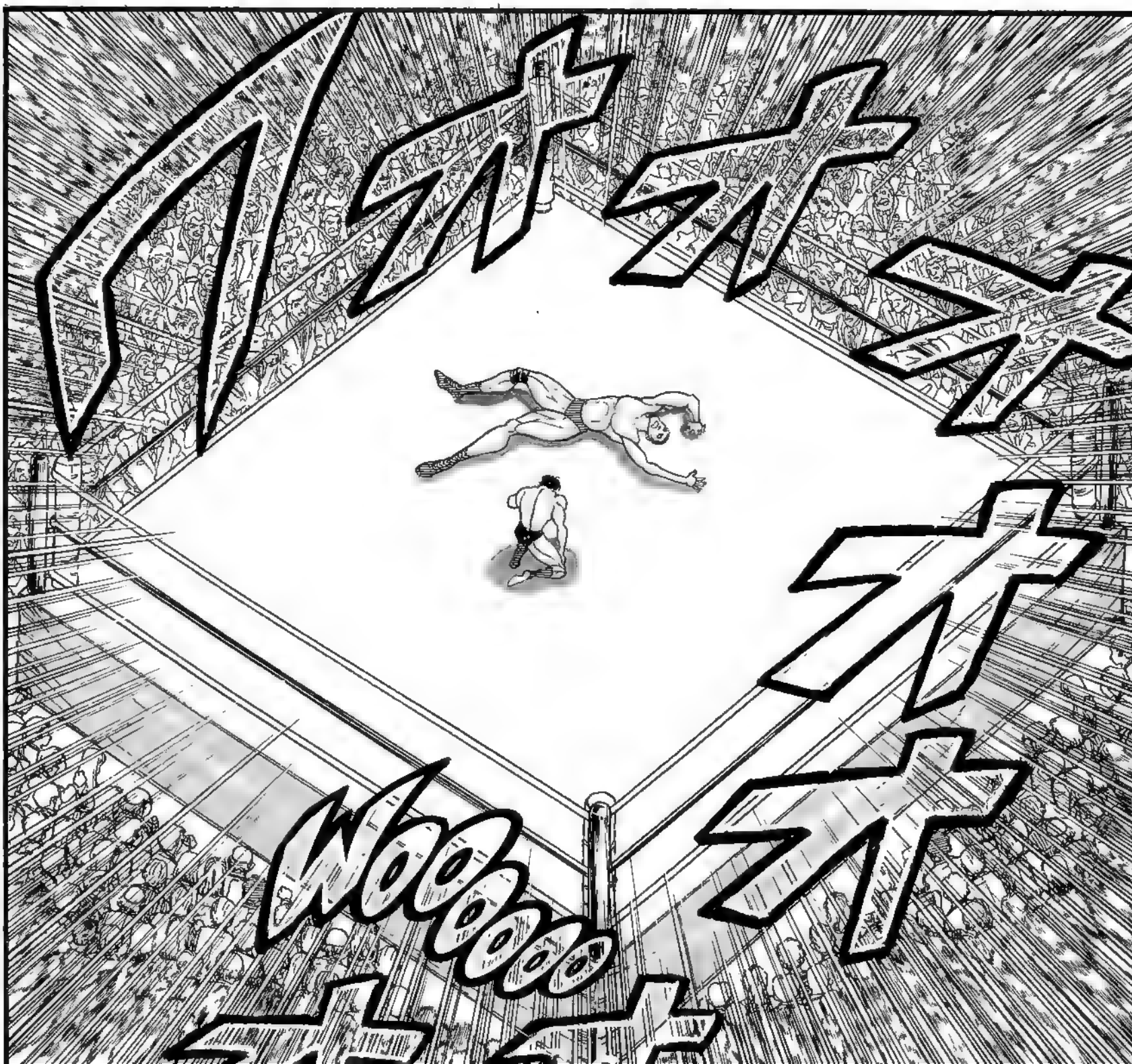
...TILL YOU'RE ON THE VERGE OF LOSING...

YOU TAKE ALL OF YOUR OPPONENT'S ATTACKS...



GERMAN SUPLEX!
TAMF
...AND THEN YOU TURN THINGS AROUND BY THE SKIN OF YOUR TEETH !!!

TNK


WOOOOOO

ALLOW YOUR OPPONENT...

KEEP AT IT UNTIL YOU'RE ON THE EDGE OF DEFEAT...

GRIP

...TO ATTACK YOU...

GRAK

WOOO

GRAK

...AND THEN, BY THE NARROWEST OF MARGINS ...

...YOU TURN THE TABLES !!!

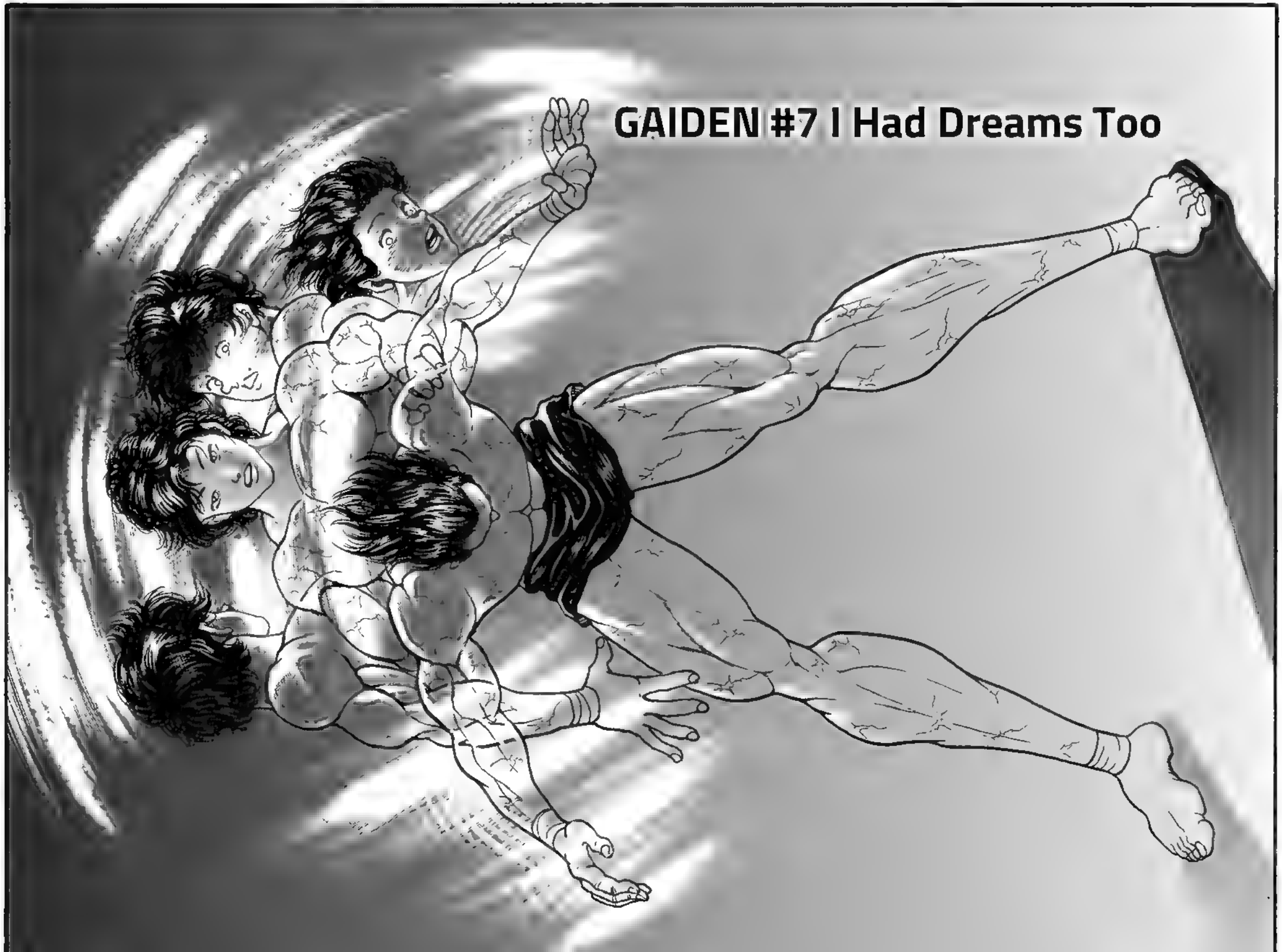
A KAWAZU-OTOSHI ...

...

MAYBE YOU SHOULD'VE FOUGHT...

PRO WRESTLING ISN'T THAT EASY!!!

...IN COMBAT SPORTS, OR SOMETHING WHERE QUICK KNOCKOUTS ARE ALLOWED, KAN.


GAIDEN #7 I Had Dreams Too

THAT'S ESSENTIALLY WHAT YOU SAID.
"I'M JEALOUS."

...MOUNT TOBA HAD A PATH TO STARDOM ALREADY MADE FOR HIM— THAT IS WHAT YOU SAID.

WITH THE SPECTACLE OF THAT GARGANTUAN BODY...

BUT THAT'S NOT TRUE !!!
WHAK

I NEVER HAD...
...A PATH FOR MY-SELF!!!
WHAK

PRO WRESTLING...

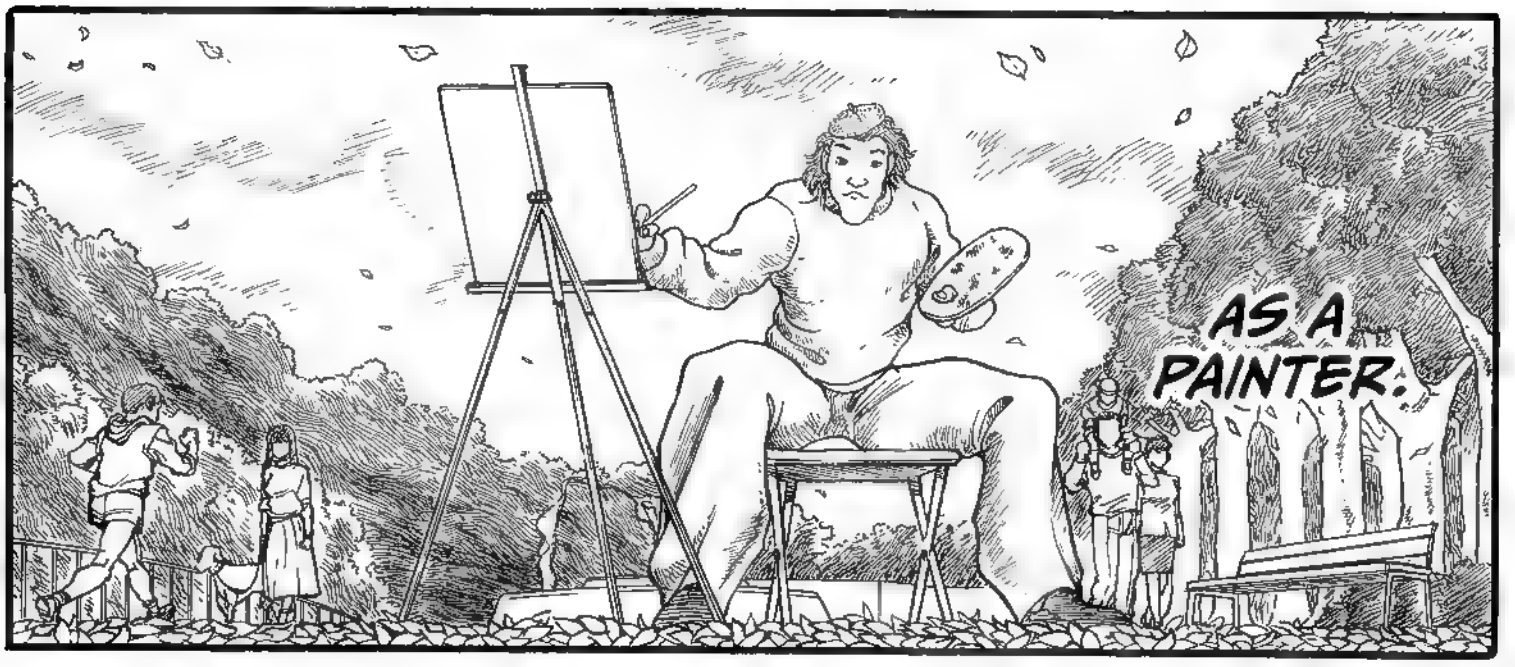
...WAS MY ONLY CHOICE!!!

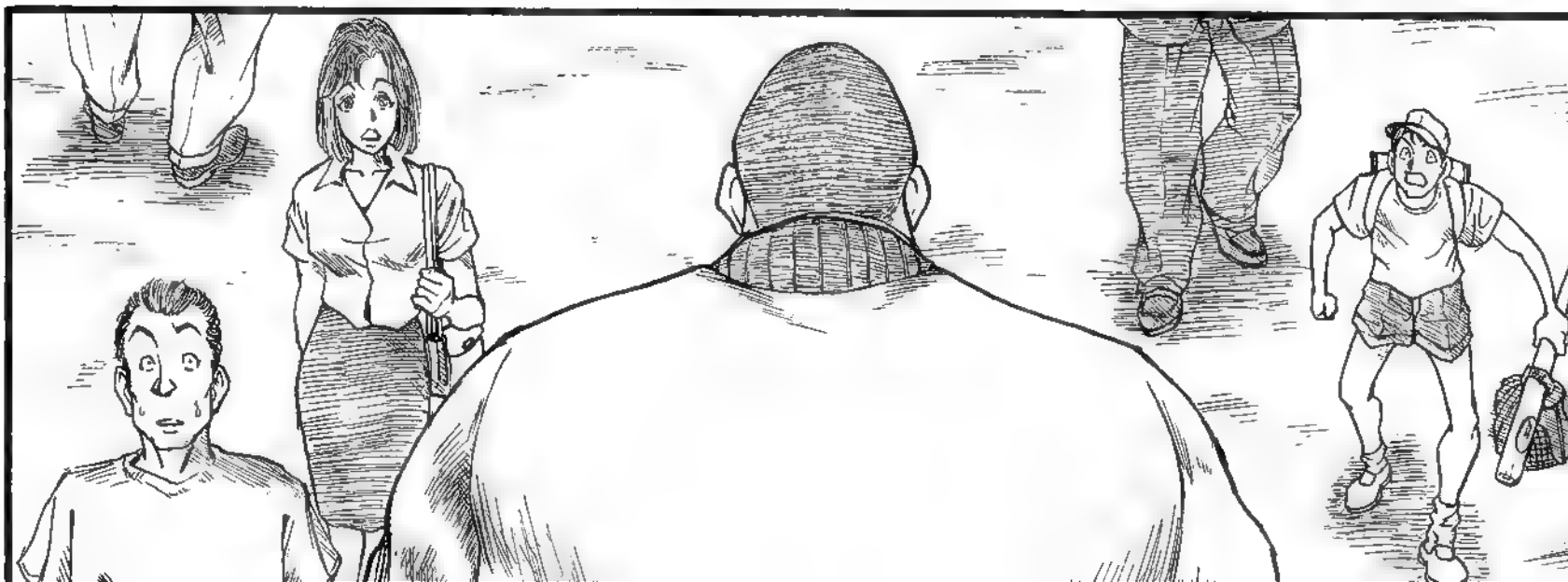
THWAK

I HAD DREAMS TOO!

AS AN ARCHITECT.

AS A TEACHER.


AS A PAINTER.



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黄金狂
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...I COULD NEVER AVOID THOSE CURIOUS STARES.

NO MATTER HOW HARD I HUNCHED OVER...

*MOVIE POSTER: CHAPLIN. THE GOLD RUSH

THE BURDEN OF A GIANT BODY.

MY GIANT BODY...

...DO PRO WRESTLING.

P-PLEASE LET ME...

...DIDN'T GIVE ME ANY OTHER OPTION.

MY GIANT BODY...

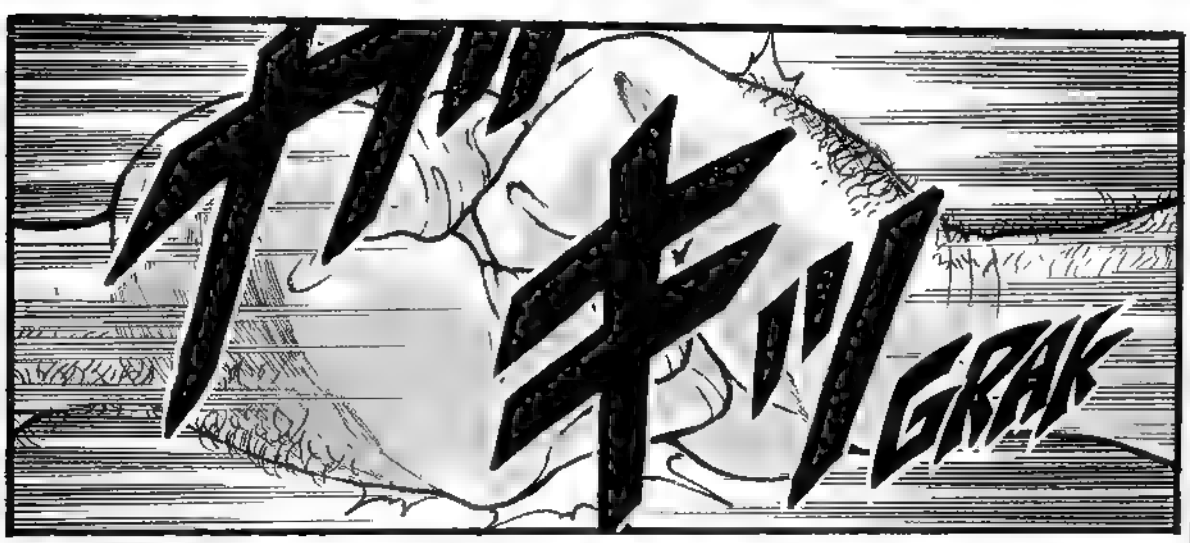
SO,
NO,
KAN.

...PRO WRES-TLING WAS ALL I HAD.

FOR ME...

I FINALLY GET IT AFTER FIGHTING YOU.

...!!!

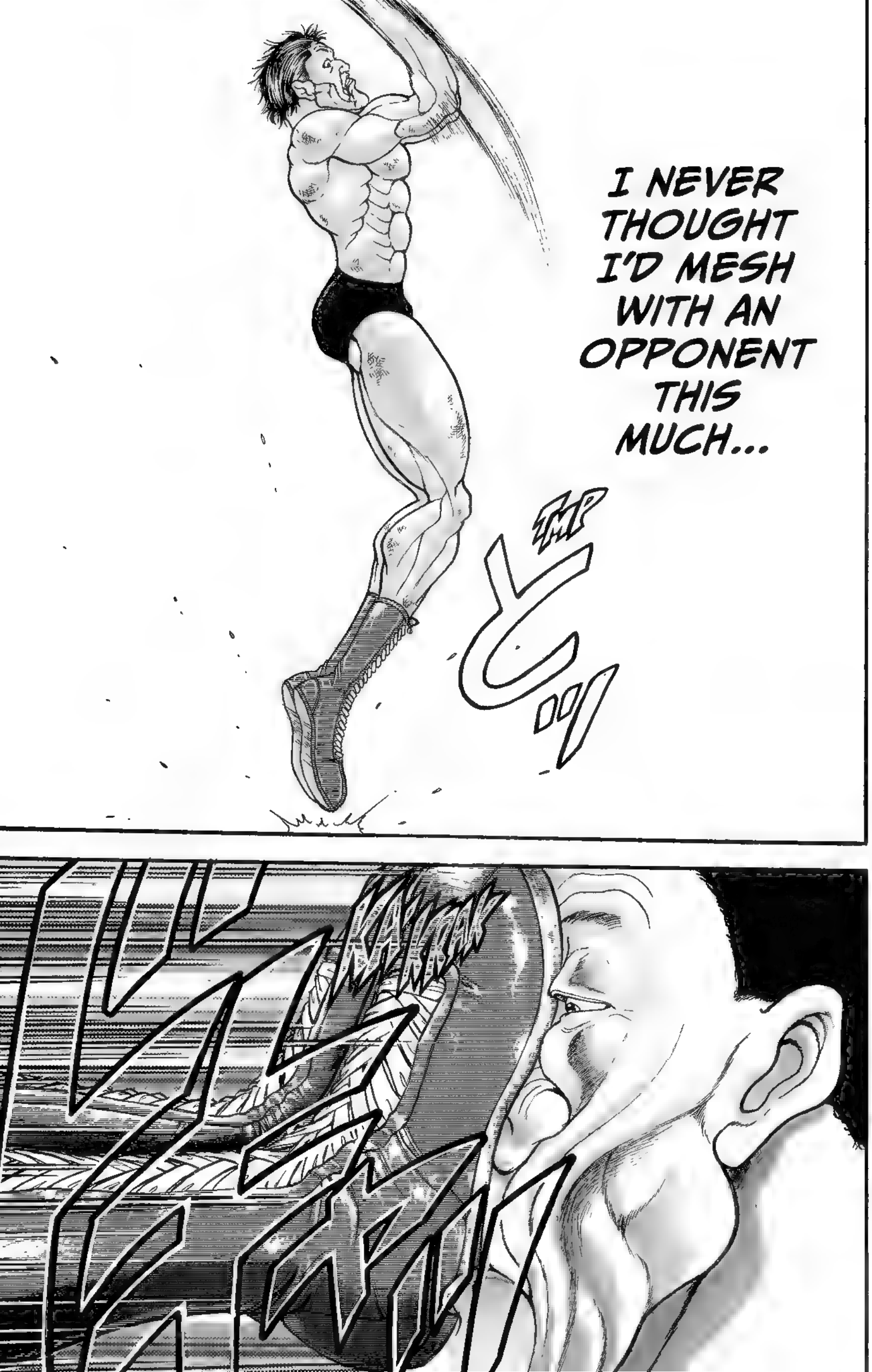


...HAVE BEEN STRONG STYLE THIS WHOLE TIME.

WOOOO

SPAK

I NEVER THOUGHT...


I NEVER THOUGHT I'D MESH WITH AN OPPONENT THIS MUCH...
TMP

THIS IS GETTING WILD!!!
...!!!
TOBA'S BLEEDING!
IS THIS THE FIRST TIME IN YEARS?!

MR. TOBA. SORRY, BUT I'M ENDING THIS...
...WITH A VICTORY FOR ME!!!

CRAK
THE MANJIIII !!!

GAIDEN #8 The Mountain That Is Pro Wrestling

THE MANJIIII !!!

I WIN !!!

DA-SHAAH !!!

I KNEW IT, IGARI'S THE MAN!!!

IT'S IN THE BAG NOW!!!

I'M SEALING THE DEAL HERE!!!

ALSO KNOWN AS THE MANJI STRETCH.
THE MOVE PASSED DOWN FROM KARL GOTCH— THE OCTOPUS HOLD.

...IF I HAD TO NAME THE BEST, IT WOULD BE THIS ONE!!!

OUT OF ANTONIO IGARI'S-VAST ARSENAL OF SPECIAL MOVES...

TOBA, FIGHT BACK!!!

HE'S NOT MOVING!!!

HE'LL NEVER BREAK FREE OF THE MANJI NOW THAT IT'S TOTALLY CINCHED IN!!!

IS THIS GONNA END IT?!

WE'VE BOTH CLIMBED THE MOUNTAIN THAT IS PRO WRESTLING.

WE WERE BOTH STARING AT THE SAME SUMMIT, BUT WE CLIMBED USING DIFFERENT PATHS AND METHODS.

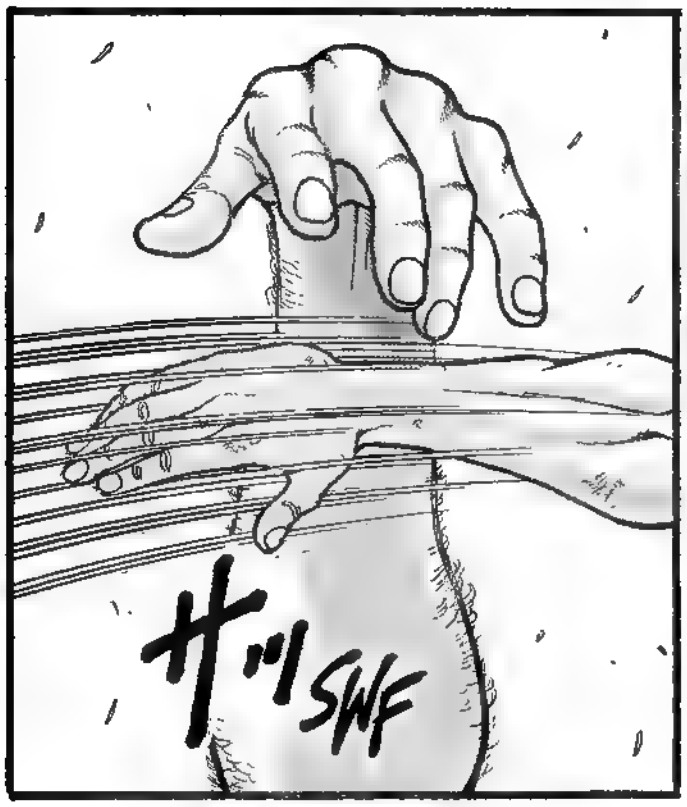
...REACH THAT SUMMIT...

BUT I'M GOING TO...

...ONE STEP AHEAD OF YOU !!!

RAARGH

I CAN FEEL MR. TOBA'S STRENGTH FADING.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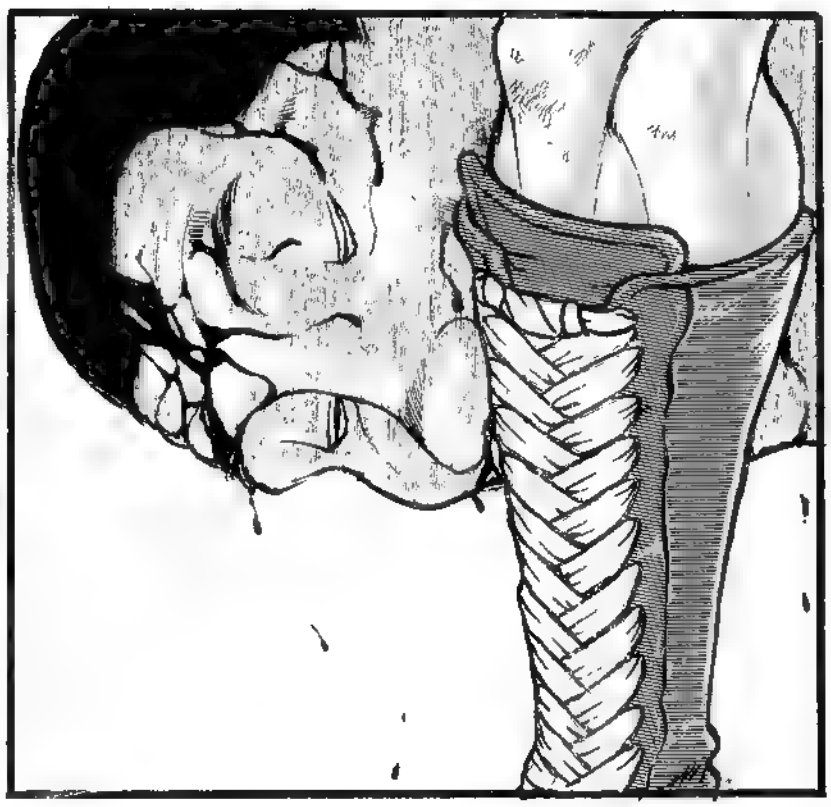

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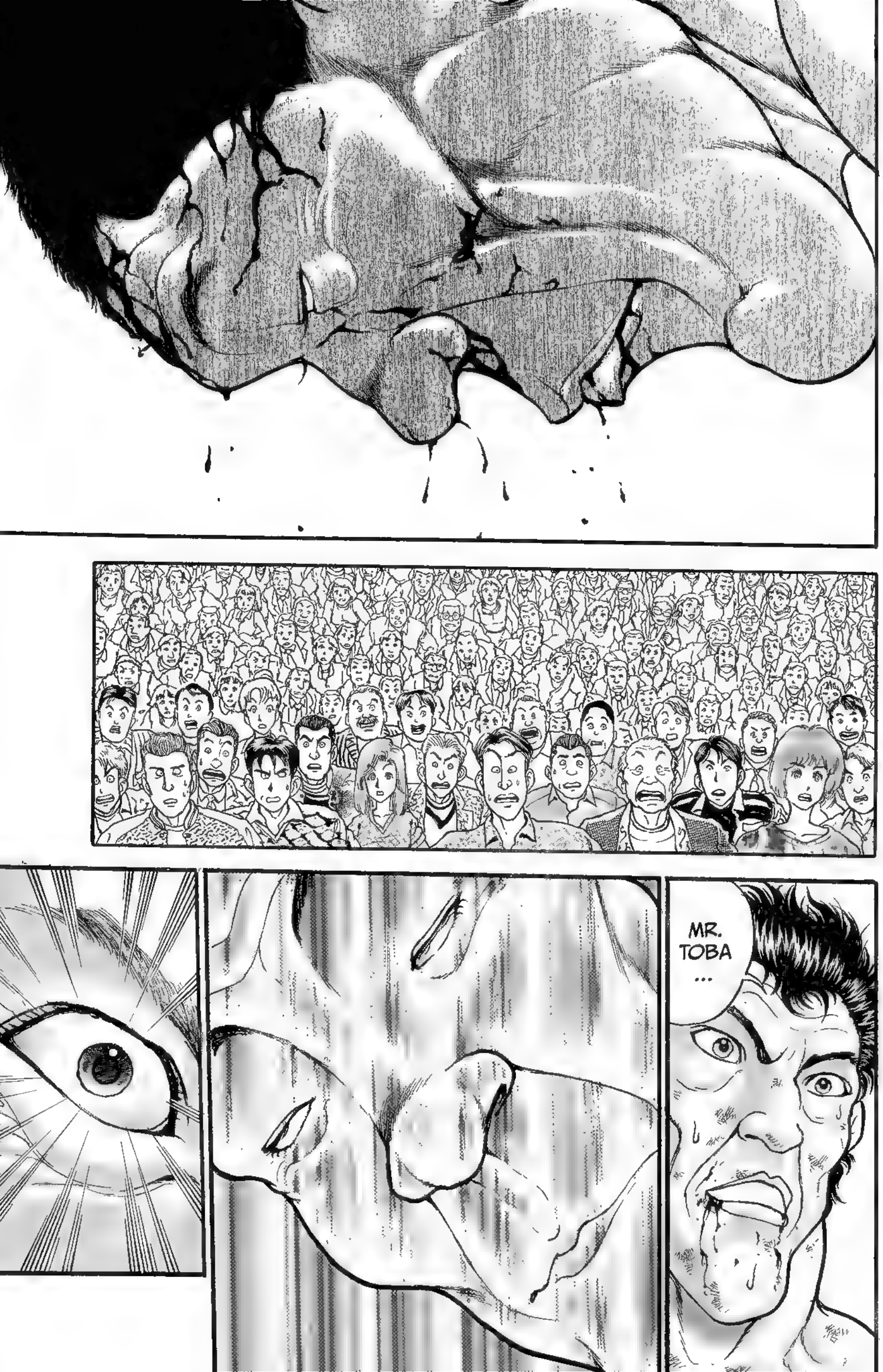

MR. TOBA ...

I MESSED UP!!!

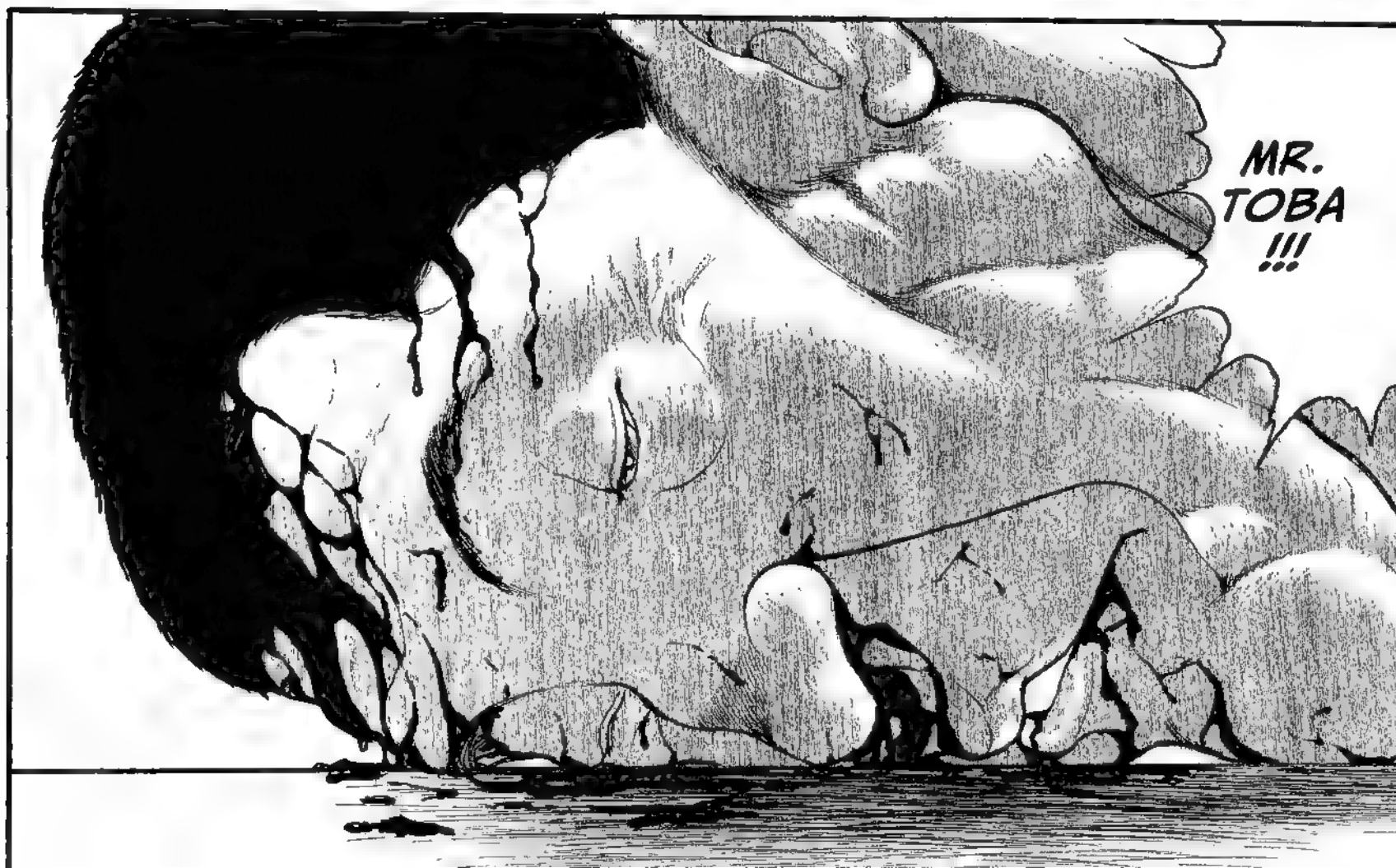
JAMF

...OR FLAW IN SIGHT.

NOT A CRACK...

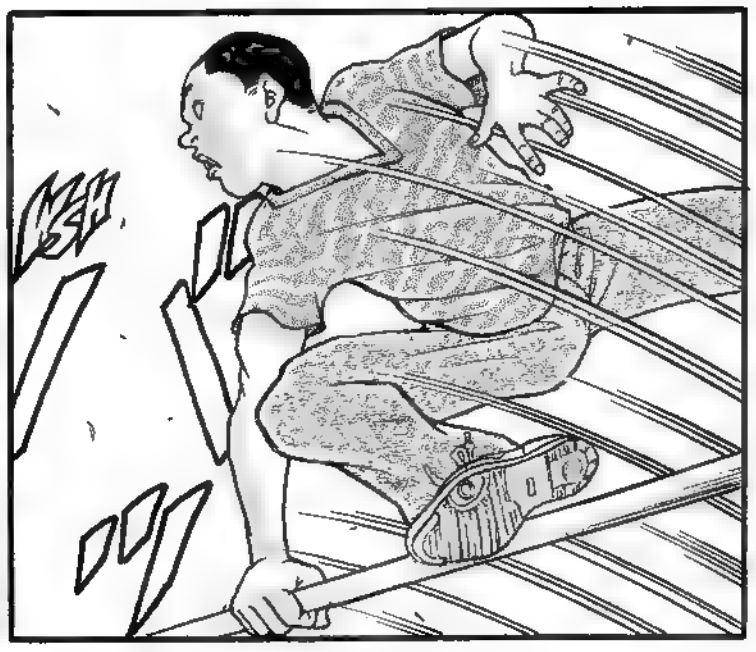
...!!!

WHERE'S THE FOLLOW-UP ATTACK ...?!


MR.
TOBA
!!!

GAIDEN #9 Best Friend

MR.
TOBA.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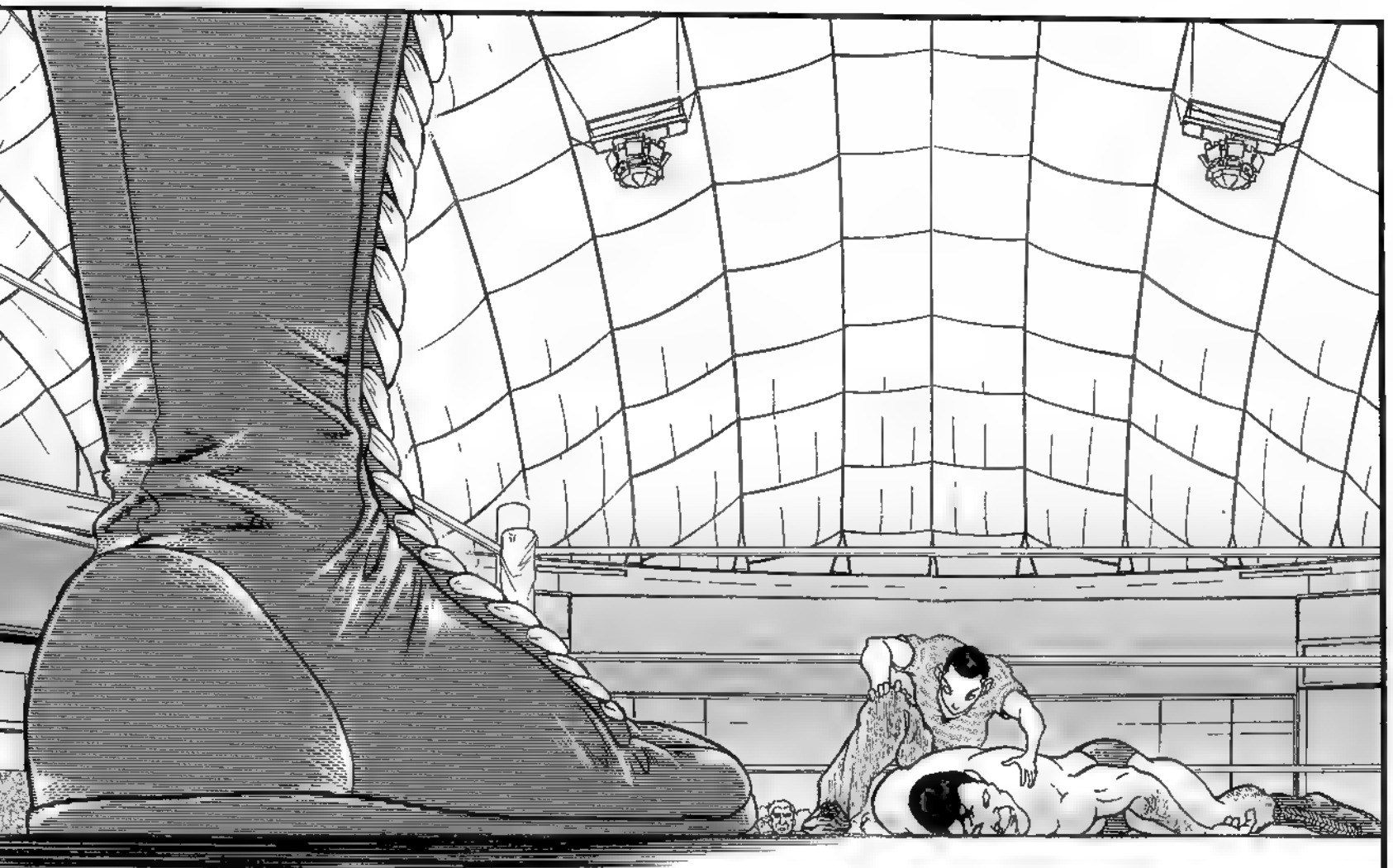

GET A STRETCHER! QUICK!

TOOOO

TOBAAA!

MR. TOBA!

TOBAAA!

BA...!!
TOOOBA!!
TOOOBA!!

国立岡本総合病院

*SIGN: OKAMOTO NATIONAL GENERAL HOSPITAL

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THEY'RE SO BIG!

MR. IGARI... IS HE HERE?

I'M KUBO, MR. TOBA'S PHYSICIAN.

I'M SORRY.

I ASK YOU BECAUSE THE TWO OF US ARE LIFELONG RIVALS, OBSTACLES, AND BEST FRIENDS TO ONE ANOTHER.

MY RIVAL, KANJI IGARI. GRANT THE FINAL WISH OF SHOHEI TOBA, A.K.A. MOUNT TOBA.

GRANT THE FINAL WISH OF SHOHEI TOBA.

I REPEAT.

...SPREAD THIS FACT TO EVERY MASS MEDIA OUTLET...

I WANT YOU TO...

*NEWSPAPER: TOBA, THE GIANT OF THE ORIENT, DEAD.

...LEAD THE FUNERAL...

武道館

...AND COMPLETELY BURY THE NAME OF MOUNT TOBA FROM THE WORLD.

...READ THE FUNERAL ADDRESS...

AT THE SAME TIME...

IN RETROSPECT, SHOHEI TOBA WAS REBORN INTO MOUNT TOBA AND WALKED IN HIS SHOES FOR FORTY YEARS.

...AND FOR THE PRO WRESTLING WORLD.

...WALKING IN HIS SHOES FOR THE FANS...

...YOU COULD SAY HE SPENT FORTY YEARS...

WHILE YOU STIRRED UP SOCIETY WITH YOUR NOVEL IDEAS...

FORTY YEARS.

...I WAS STEADILY HOLDING MY GROUND.

I WANT TO CLOSE OUT THESE FORTY YEARS WITH MY DEATH.

THAT'S MORE THAN ENOUGH.

WHERE ARE YOU GOING, SIR?!

...IN PARIS.

TO SEE A FRIEND...

ONCE THINGS SETTLE DOWN, I WANT YOU TO VISIT A CERTAIN INDIVIDUAL.

THAT INDIVIDUAL WHO RESIDES IN PARIS IS A MAN YOU KNOW WELL.

THAT MAN WILL BE IN MONTPARNASSE.

...BUT I WANT YOU TO VISIT HIM ALONE.

HE'S A CRANKY OLD FOOL ...

PAINTINGS...

...AND SWEETS ARE THE TWO THINGS HE LOVES DEEPLY, SO PLEASE BRING A GIFT WHEN YOU SEE HIM.

I'M SURE HE WILL WELCOME YOU WITH OPEN ARMS.

MR. SHOHEI TOBA!!!
C'MON... YOU'RE WAY TOO OBVIOUS.
IT'S THAT BAD, HUH?
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